

Jesus's Entry into Jerusalem and Cleansing the Temple

Christian Art in Lent: Trinity United Methodist Church

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Entry into Jerusalem

Matt 21: 1-11 Mark 11: 1-11 Luke 19: 28-44 Jn 12: 12-19

And when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage, and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, and said to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" And they went away and found a colt tied at the door, out in the open street; and they untied it. And those who stood there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" And they told them what Jesus had said; and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments on it, and he sat upon it. And many spread their garments on the road, and others spread leafy branches which they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed cried out, "Hosanna! Blessed be he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed be the kingdom of our father David that is coming! Hosanna in the highest!" (Mark's narrative, RSV)

Pietro Lorenzetti, *Jesus's Entry into Jerusalem*

c. 1320 Fresco, south transept, (lower) Basilica of St. Francis at Assisi
Sienese 1280-1348

Anthony van Dyck, *Entry of Christ into Jerusalem*

1617 Oil on canvas, Indianapolis Museum of Art
Flemish 1599-1641

Benjamin Haydon, *Christ's Entry into Jerusalem*

1814-1820 Oil on canvas, Mount St. Mary's Seminary, Cincinnati
English 1786-1846

Jesus's Cleansing the Temple

Matt 21: 12-17 Mark 11: 15-19 Luke 19: 45-48 Jn 2: 13-16

And they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold and those who bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons; and he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple. And he taught and said to them, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations'? But you have made it a den of robbers." And the chief priest and the scribes heard it and sought a way to destroy him; for they feared him because all the multitude was astonished at his teaching. And when evening came, they went out of the city. (Mark's narrative, RSV)

Giotto di Bondone, *Expulsion of the Money-changers from the Temple*
1300 Fresco, Scrovegni Chapel, Padua
Florentine 1276-1337

Jan Sanders van Hemessen, *Christ Driving out the Moneychangers*
1556 Oil on canvas, Museum of Fine Arts, Nancy
Flemish 1500-1566

Bernardino Mei, *Christ Cleansing the Temple*
1676 Oil on canvas, Getty Museum, Los Angeles
Sienese 1612-1676