When Jesus and his disciples or [When they] had come near Jeru-sa-lem and had reached Beth-

phage, at the Mount of Ol-ives, Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, “Go in-to the vil-

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head of you, and immediately you will find a don-key tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring

them to me. 3 If an-

y-one says an-

y-thing to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will

send them im-

me-di-a-

ly.” 4 This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet,

say-

ing, 5 “Tell the daugh-

ter of Zi-on, Look, your king is coming to you, hum-

ble, and mount-

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on a don-key, and on a colt, the foal of a don-key.” 6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had di-

rect-ed them; 7 they brought the don-key and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on
them. 8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 The crowds that went a-head of him and that fol-lowed were shout -

ing, “Hosanna to the Son of Da-vid! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Ho-

sanna in the highest heav-en!” 10 When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in tur-moil, ask -

ing, “Who is this?” 11 The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Je-sus from Naz-a- 

ree in Gal - i - lee.” Υ The Gospel of the Lord. Ρ Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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