

The triumphal entry and the palm branches, recall the celebration of Jewish liberation.



The great enemy in Jesus days on earth was the Roman army; and one can imagine that many Jews saw the Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem as the advent of a revengeful Messiah who will wipe out the Romans from Holy Land.

But, then, there is the problem of the donkey. The Babylonian Talmud preserves a question asked by the Persian King Shevor; *Why doesn't your Messiah come riding on a horse? If he lacks one, I'll be glad to provide him with one of my best!*

Indeed, why should the Messiah come on a donkey? The answer stays in the symbolism of the donkey, which in some Eastern traditions seems to be seen as an animal of peace, versus the horse, which is the animal of war. Therefore, it was said that a king came riding upon a horse when he was bent on war and rode upon a donkey when he wanted to point out that he was coming in peace. Thus, the king riding on a colt, the foal of a donkey strongly implies the message of peace. This message of peace was always fundamental with Jesus, but it is not clear how well understood it was in those days. In fact, John declares: *These things understood not His disciples at the first.*

It is highly probable that the public enthusiasm of the day saw the Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem more like a declaration of war against Israel's enemies than a message of peace.

But, since I have the benefit of time, I see it as a message of peace which I freely receive. He is the Peacemaker and the Peace giver.

~ Pastor Kuschel

O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in Him.

Psalm 34:8



O fear the Lord, ye His saints: for there is no want to them that fear Him.

Psalm 34:9

Welcome Home to Westwood Hills!

Today is April 5, 2009.

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Happy Birthday

Steve Adams 4/6

Nicole Greenlee 4/15

Ryan Tate 4/21

Diane Southern 4/24

Sherry Padgett 4/25

Abe Painter 4/25

Bryce Kuschel 4/29

JacQueline Winsett 4/29

Last Sunday's Giving

Benevolence Contributions	10.00
Missions Williams	10.00
Children's Ministry	11.56
Debt Reduction	40.00
Youth Ranch	10.00
Youth Ministries	5.00
Missions Fund	57.00
Guatamala 2010	15.00
General Fund	252.00
Tithes	1923.00
Total	2333.56

*17 families brought their tithes to
Westwood Hills last week.*

Church "Matters"

Our church will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 11th at 10:00 am. The Easter Bunny will be here for a photo shoot and free photos of the event will be available to all who participate. Lots of candy, and hotdogs will be the order of the day. **WANT TO HELP?** You can help by donating plastic eggs and candy to fill the eggs. Bring your donations to the church as soon as possible.

Attention:

There will be a Church Meeting immediately following the worship celebration TODAY!

The purpose of the meeting is for the church body to determine whether or not to establish a Church and Pastor's Council.

The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them.

Psalm 34:7

You are invited to Stephanie Rivera's
Baby Shower

Saturday, April 18, 2009

at 3:00 pm in the Church Sanctuary.
Stephanie is registered at Toys-R-Us.

It's a Boy!