

A script from



“Parade For a King”

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What Live from Jerusalem, it's the Palm Sunday Parade! Join in and listen to the color commentary as the crowd gathers to welcome a King.

Themes: Palm Sunday, Easter, Jesus, King

Who Josiah
Nava
Zach
Joanna

When During Bible Times

Wear (Props) Each actor can wear modern clothes, but maybe with Bible-times head pieces.
Desk
Microphones
Palm Leaves
Intro and Outro music

Why Matthew 21:1-11, Mark 11:1-10, Luke 19:28-38

How Each actor should be very "show-biz" and a little over the top. Think Macy's Day Parade or the Tribute Parade from The Hunger Games. The two street reporters should appear in other parts of the room, possibly near the audience. If you have access to spotlights, you might use them for the street reporters.

Time Approximately 6 minutes

Intro music plays. Josiah and Nava are watching the first Palm Sunday parade and giving commentary to the audience. They are behind a desk with microphones.

Josiah: Welcome to the telecast of the first ever Palm Sunday parade in beautiful downtown Jerusalem. I am Josiah of Baka along with my cohost, Nava of Rehavia. Greetings, Nava.

Nava: Hello to you, Joe, and to all of our listening audience. We couldn't have asked for a more beautiful day to celebrate this inaugural parade.

Josiah: Nava, what do you expect today with this new festivity?

Nava: I'm not so sure. Things were put together pretty quickly for the celebration. But there seems to be lots of excitement!

Josiah: Do you know who came up with the idea for this event?

Nava: Joe, that seems to be a mystery at this point. It began as a groundswell movement and now everyone wants to see what is going on!

Josiah: Let's take a moment to go to our street reporter, Zach, for any updates among the crowd that has been gathering all day. Zach, do you hear me?

Zach: *(With mic at a different location in the room)* Yes. Hello Josiah and Nava.

Nava: Zach, what's it like down on the street as people prepare for this Palm Sunday parade?

Zach: Nava, it is wild down here. Children running around everywhere and I just got hit in the head with a palm branch.

Josiah: Sounds crazy! Have you heard anyone say who might be in the parade today?

Zach: I have heard some talk of a king being in the parade.

Nava: A king? How exciting! Do you know where he is from?

Zach: No one seems to know that, but they are all anticipating a great and flashy procession and they are hoping that he might share some of his wealth with those who are gathered along the road. I'll try to get a little closer so that I can get a good look at this king and then I'll get back to you. This is Zach reporting on the streets of Jerusalem.

Josiah: Thank you Zach.

Nava: Joe, I see the first of the parade coming.

Josiah: Yes, there is a chariot moving into sight now.

Nava: Isn't it beautiful? I love the gold trim along the edges of the wheels. Can you tell who is in the chariot?

Josiah: Yes, I see now. It is the mayor of Jerusalem and his wife. This must be a special parade if the royal couple is in the front. Let's go down to Joanna, our fashion police on the street scene.

Joanna: *(In another location in the room)* Hello Josiah and Nava. What a gorgeous day for a parade! All of the stars are out in anticipation of the king.

Nava: Joanna, what do you notice about the mayor and his wife? How are they dressed for today's occasion?

Joanna: Well Nava, as I always say, you either know fashion or you don't, and believe me our royal couple are dressed to impress. The mayor is in a classic desert sand colored robe with sashes woven out of the finest silk of Persia. He is dressed for success! I love it!

Josiah: And how about the mayor's wife? She has been known to stretch the limits of the style world at times.

Joanna: Well, Josiah, if loving fashion is a crime...I'd say that the mayor's wife pleads "guilty as charged"! She is wearing the latest from European designers this season. Her flowing robe says it with flowers, as she has an eye for mixing prints of varying scales and colorations with a penchant for gardening.

Josiah: What are you talking about?

Joanna: Oh Josiah, move into the first century! The mayor's wife is adorned with a fresh and elegant ensemble. I love it!

Nava: Joanna, thank you for that report. We have to move on because I hear the sound of trumpets. That can only mean...

Josiah: Yes, Nava, the Jerusalem High School Marching Band is rounding the corner in full glory.

Nava: Just listen to the beat of those cymbals and drums!

Josiah: It almost makes me want to kick off my sandals and dance around in the street!

Nava: Control yourself, Joe. What would the people think?

Josiah: Okay, I'll settle down. Can you see the next group in the parade?

Nava: They are just coming into view. It seems to be a group of men walking slowly. They look a little scruffy and dirty.

Josiah: They appear to be local men, maybe fishermen or some other lowly trade.

Nava: The group seems to be a little out of place for this glorious parade. They are certainly not dressed for this grand day as we prepare to welcome a king.

Josiah: Maybe they are just parade workers...you know walking along to clean up after the animals and such.

Joanna: *(A quick aside)* Do you want me to give a report on their dreary attire of camel hair and leather? I have seen better clothes on a...

Josiah: No, we don't need any more fashion reports.

Joanna: Two words...hate it!

Nava: I wish they would move on quickly. I don't want them to block my view of the king when he approaches.

Josiah: Wait, Nava...I think something special is beginning to happen!

Nava: Yes, I see people spreading their coats on the ground.

Josiah: And others are putting palm branches all along the road.

Nava: This is quite a sight!

Josiah: I hear shouts, but I can't quite make out what they are saying!

Nava: It sounds like some sort of chant.

Josiah: Is it "Hail to the Chief?"

Nava: No...it sounds more like a reference to King David! This must be a special king that is approaching.

Josiah: I can't see anything for the crowd. Let's try to get to Zach again on the street for a closer look. Zach, are you there? What are you seeing?

Zach: *(In another location)* I do see someone coming closer, but he is hard to make out. There are people all around him.

Nava: Can you tell what country he is from?

Zach: He looks very common, as if he could have grown up nearby.

Josiah: What kind of markings are on his chariot?

Zach: He is not in a chariot. You won't believe this, but he is riding on a donkey's colt.

Nava: A colt? Is this some sort of contemporary mode of travel for a king?

Zach: I don't think so. It just looks like a plain old donkey to me. No fancy saddle or accessories...just a few dirty blankets on his back for the man to sit on.

Josiah: Is the king wearing a...

Joanna: *(Interrupting from her location)* Joanna reporting for the fashion police. Do you need me to give my thoughts on...

Josiah: No! Zach, is the king wearing a crown of gold and jewels?

Zach: He is not wearing a crown or anything that would make you think he is of a royal background. He looks no different from any of the other people walking around on the street.

Nava: This is puzzling. There must be another, greater king following him. The people would not be so excited over this simple man riding into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey's colt.

Zach: No one is following him. He is the last entry in the parade.

Josiah: Well, this is certainly a letdown.

Nava: Yes, I thought we would have been visited by a king of more notoriety and power.

Josiah: Well, we have to remember...this is the first Palm Sunday parade. At least it gave the people of Jerusalem something to get excited about...even though the king was a bit of a disappointment.

Nava: *(To audience)* Well, thank you for being with us for today's celebration. We will be back on the air this coming Friday with some special events going on at nearby Golgotha.

Josiah: Yes, we will be covering the crucifixion of several criminals on that day. We hear that one of them is an extremely radical rebel. We don't know a name at this point, but we will keep you posted as we hear more.

Nava: Josiah and I wish you a good day!

Outgoing music, lights out.

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