



## *Raquette Lake Chapel Sunday Blast*

*April 2, 2023 – Palm Sunday*

*“A Triumphant Entry”*



*“Who is this?” The crowds were saying,  
“This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”  
Matthew 21: 10-11*

*Jesus rides on a donkey's colt while crowds lay palm leaves on his path to Jerusalem. In Biblical times, royalty would ride on a donkey during periods of peace, rather than a horse, which was associated with war. When Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, it is believed that he fulfilled Old Testament prophecy that a king would come in peace and humility.*

*Matthew 21, Mark 11, Luke 19, John 12*

*["Cut canvas" painting by Don Trousdell]*

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### **A Bystander Tells the Story: Matthew 21:1-11**

As I watched from the side of the road, I saw Jesus riding on a donkey, surrounded by a large crowd of people. They were all shouting and waving palm branches, and their faces were filled with joy and excitement. I had heard stories of this man before, and some claimed he was the Messiah.

As Jesus approached, I felt a sense of awe and wonder wash over me. Could it be true? Was this man really the one who had come to save us all? I felt a surge of hope rise within me as I watched him pass by.

The sight of Jesus on that donkey, surrounded by people who believed in him, was a powerful reminder of the prophecies that had been foretold. This man was not just a teacher or a prophet. He was the Messiah, the one who had come to bring salvation to us all.

As I stood there, watching him go by, I knew that my life would never be the same. I felt a renewed sense of purpose and a deepening of my faith. And I knew that whatever the future held, I could face it with hope, knowing that the Messiah was with us.

#### **Prayer Box**

***Let's keep in our prayers*** healing for Mark, Bill, Gloria, and Lucy;  
support for Joyce; comfort for Andy and Ronan and his family;  
healing and comfort for Robin. Lord, hear our prayer!