

# Matthew 21:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon.

## Analysis

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**Brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes**—The disciples improvised a makeshift saddle (*ἱμάτια*, himatia—outer garments) for the unbroken colt. **They set him thereon** uses an ambiguous pronoun: Jesus rode the colt (as Mark/Luke specify), while garments covered both animals.

Matthew alone mentions both mother and colt, perhaps hyper-literalizing Zechariah's Hebrew parallelism ('on an ass, on a colt the foal of an ass'). This detail emphasizes Jesus's gentle authority—mounting an unbroken colt that would normally be untamed, yet it bore Him peacefully into Jerusalem.

## Historical Context

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Colts were considered unrideable until trained. No king had ridden an animal before (Num 19:2, Deut 21:3). By riding the unbroken colt, Jesus demonstrated both His creative power (calming the animal) and His qualification as King-Priest (riding what was ceremonially pure).

## Related Passages

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**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. How does Jesus's control over the unbroken colt illustrate His sovereignty over untamed areas of your life?
2. What 'garments'—possessions, comforts, reputation—might God ask you to lay down for Christ's purposes?

## Interlinear Text

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ἥγαγον	τὴν	ὄνον	καὶ	τὸν	πῶλον	καὶ	ἔπειθηκαν
And brought	G3588	the ass	and	G3588	the colt	and	put
G71		G3688	G2532		G4454	G2532	G2007
ἐπάνω	αὐτῶν	τὰ	ἱμάτια	αὐτῶν	καὶ	ἐπεκάθισεν	
him thereon	them	G3588	clothes	them	and	they set	
G1883	G846		G2440	G846	G2532	G1940	
ἐπάνω	αὐτῶν						
him thereon	them						
G1883	G846						

## Additional Cross-References

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**2 Kings 9:13** (Parallel theme): Then they hasted, and took every man his garment, and put it under him on the top of the stairs, and blew with trumpets, saying, Jehu is king.

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