## PALM SUNDAY TEMPLE STEP NARRATION

The parade Jesus' orchestrated, which we call the Palm Sunday procession, was headed to the Temple grounds. To the praise of the people, Jesus rode around to the main entrance on the southside, dismounted from the donkey, and walked up these very steps. Some of the spiritual leaders of Jerusalem met him and said, "Teacher rebuke your disciples for praising you like this," to which Jesus responded: "If they keep quiet, the stones will cry out." He entered the Double Gate, walking through a tunnel and up the steps that led to the platform that held the temple complex. He looked around . . . and then he left, returning down these same steps. Then he returned to Bethany. This was the end of the Palm Sunday event.