

**LESSON #79 – JESUS’ TRIUMPHANT ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM**

*Matt. 21:1-16, Mark 11:1-10; Luke 19:28-44; John 12:12-19*

Jesus kept teaching His disciples about the kingdom of God. The people in Jerusalem were looking for a King. Remember that God had promised that a descendant of King David would rule over His people forever. But the people did not understand that their souls, their spirits, were more important than their bodies. We must remember that, too. They wanted a King because some people called the Romans had taken control of their land and made them pay taxes to them. They wanted their own King again. But they did not know what their worst problem was, even after all of the preaching of Jesus. Their worst problem was their sin. They needed a King Who could take away their sin before God and protect them from their worst enemies, death and the devil. Only Jesus could do that because He was true God.

Jesus and His disciples were now very close to Jerusalem; only about two miles away. Now Jesus told two of His disciples to go into the small village ahead of them. He told them that as they came into the city there would be found a small donkey which had never been ridden on. He told them to untie it and to bring it to Him. If anyone asked them why they were taking it they should simply tell them, “The Lord needs it.”

So those two who were sent went and found the colt just as Jesus said they would. As they were untying it the people to whom it belonged asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” They replied, “The Lord needs it.” And without saying any more they let the disciples take the colt.

They brought the colt to Jesus and threw their coats on it and then Jesus got on it. As He came towards Jerusalem people began to spread their coats on the road in front of Him. Many of the people were shouting and cheering as Jesus rode on. They praised God for all of the miracles which they had seen. They believed that Jesus was going to be their King. They cried, “Blessed is the King Who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” It was almost like the night on which Jesus was born when the angels cried out “Glory to God into the Highest and on earth, peace, good will among men.”

Do you know something else? The prophet Zechariah had said that this is what would happen many hundreds of years before. Zechariah had written, “Rejoice greatly ... Shout, daughter of Jerusalem! See, your King comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

No wonder that the people thought that Jesus would be their King. As all of this happened some of the Pharisees who hated Jesus were watching. They told Jesus to tell the people to stop honoring Him. But Jesus said, “If they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.” This was God’s way of giving glory to His Son.

Now Jesus was almost to Jerusalem. As He looked at the city He began to cry. Jesus knew that this was the city where King David had ruled. This was the city where the temple of Solomon had been and where the new temple now stood. But the peoples’ hearts were turned away from God. They did not believe in Jesus. They would not have peace with God. None who does not believe will have peace with God. They will have to pay for their own sins in hell forever and ever. God’s judgment would also come upon Jerusalem. Meanwhile, the crowd of people that were with Jesus continued to tell how Jesus had raised Lazarus from the dead. Many people from Jerusalem went out to meet Jesus. But the Pharisees just got angrier and made up their minds that they must kill Him as soon as they could.

**Memory Verse:** “Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord!” – Mark 11:9.

**Application:** God’s people will continue to praise Jesus at all times!

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You may remember how the people who had followed Jesus wherever He went. They had seen Him perform many miracles and wanted to make Jesus their king. The prophets who had lived before Jesus had said that when the Savior came, he would defeat all of the enemies of God’s people. What the people could not understand was that Jesus would come two times. The first time Jesus came to die for the sins of His people. Jesus came only to give His life to take away the sins of His people and to send His Holy Spirit into the world to establish His kingdom in men’s hearts. The second time Jesus comes, the world will end, and Jesus will destroy the devil and all of the enemies of God’s people.

In between these two comings of Jesus is the time of “salvation.” This is the time when God will send forth His Word and work faith in the hearts of all those whom He has chosen to be His people. We are living in that time now, between the first and the second comings of Jesus. If you are going to believe in Jesus, you must understand what He came into the world this first time to do, and you must believe that he will come again. The people who were alive in these days wanted Jesus to be their King, but Jesus did not come to be the King on earth. He came to be the King of His people, those who would have their spirits made alive. Some people were disappointed with Jesus. Some people today are disappointed because God does not give them everything they want. If you are really one of God’s people, you know that Jesus came to give eternal life. Who could be disappointed with that?

As Jesus and His disciples came close to Jerusalem, Jesus told two of them to go into the small village ahead of them, and they would find a small donkey which had never been ridden. He told them to untie it and to bring it to Him. He even told them that if anyone asked them why they were taking the donkey, they should simply say, “The Lord needs it,” and they would let them have it.

These two disciples did as Jesus had told them to do, and they found the small donkey. As they were untying it, the owner saw them and asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” They said, “The Lord needs it.” That is all they had to say, and he let them take it to Jesus.

When they had taken the colt to Jesus, they threw their coats on it. Jesus got up on it and began to head into Jerusalem. Why did Jesus do this? Well, the prophet Zechariah had predicted many hundreds of years before that when the king came, He would come into Jerusalem riding on the colt of a donkey. We will see from this time on how everything which happens to Jesus was just exactly what God had predicted. This should help you to believe that Jesus really was the promised Savior, and that He died for your sins on the cross.

As Jesus came near Jerusalem, many people began to spread their coats on the road in front of Him. They shouted and cheered as Jesus came into the city. They believed that Jesus was going to be their king. They called out, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!” Yet the people did not understand that Jesus came to be the king of their hearts. Do you understand that? Do you think that all Jesus wants you to do is to come to church once every week? No, Jesus wants to be King in your heart. He wants you to trust Him with your life and to serve in His army against evil and the devil.

The Pharisees saw what was happening, and they were angry. They told Jesus to tell the people to stop honoring Him, but Jesus said that if they stopped, the stones would cry out to honor the Son of God. Jesus was sad when He looked at Jerusalem. He knew that these people did not really believe that they needed to be saved from their sins. The news about how Jesus had raised Lazarus from the dead kept spreading, and the Pharisees became more and more angry. They wanted to kill Jesus quickly!

*Jesus' Triumphant Entry (Continued)*

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**MEMORY VERSE**

"See your King comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on.... the foal of a donkey." – Zechariah 9:9

**APPLICATION**

Jesus used something which seemed unimportant to serve Him. The small donkey was made to carry the King of Kings into Jerusalem. You have been made to serve the King Jesus. Do not think that you are not important to Him. He came to give His life for you. That is how important you are to Him. That is how much He loves you! The Pharisees hated Jesus because He had told them about their sin. How do you feel when the Bible tells you about your sin? If Jesus is your Savior, you will confess your sin and love Him because He came to save you, to bring you salvation from God!

**QUESTIONS**

Fill in the blanks with the words at the bottom.

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ who had lived many years before Jesus had said that when Jesus came, He would defeat all of the enemies of God's people.
2. The worst enemies of God's people are \_\_\_\_\_ and the devil.
3. In between the first and second coming of Jesus is the time of \_\_\_\_\_ when God uses His Word and Spirit to make alive the spirits of His chosen people and bring them into His kingdom.
4. Jesus did not come to be the \_\_\_\_\_ over His people by ruling on the earth, but by ruling over their new hearts.
5. As Jesus and His disciples came closer to Jerusalem, He told two of them to go into the village ahead where they would find a small \_\_\_\_\_ which had never been ridden.
6. The prophet \_\_\_\_\_ had predicted that when the King of God's people came into Jerusalem, He would be riding on the colt of a donkey.
7. As King Jesus does not want you just to go to church on Sunday, but He wants you to \_\_\_\_\_ Him as a soldier in His army by obeying His commands.
8. Jesus told the Pharisees that if the people stopped shouting, the \_\_\_\_\_ would cry out to praise Him.
9. Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ when He looked at Jerusalem because He knew that the people's hearts were not turned to believe in Him.
10. The Pharisees hated Jesus all the more because the people believed He would be their king, and then the \_\_\_\_\_ would destroy them.

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Romans  
Salvation

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prophets  
Zechariah

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**LESSON #80 – JESUS’ TRIUMPHANT ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM**

*Read Matt. 21:1-16; Mark 11:1-10; Luke 19:28-44; John 12:12-19*

The ministry of Jesus is at an end. He begins now His final week before His crucifixion. As Jesus entered into Jerusalem, the people worshipped Him and honored Him as their King. But, like the disciples at this time, they thought that the kingdom would come immediately. They were not prepared for what was about to happen. Many of them would despair and be filled with disappointment at the death of Jesus. But those who were truly God’s people would soon have cause for rejoicing. They would feel the presence of Jesus in their hearts and know that they were a part of His kingdom even though He would ascend into heaven until the day of judgment. Jesus was born to die and thereby to save those who believe in Him from the judgment of God against sin. How can we be disappointed with that? These people left Jesus when there was trouble. May God give us the grace to hold fast to Jesus whatever may happen, for He is our King!

**QUESTIONS**

1. What celebration was about to be celebrated in Jerusalem? \_\_\_\_\_  
 What was the Passover to be a reminder of? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. According to John’s Gospel, why did the Jews want to kill Lazarus, too? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How was Jesus honored at the home of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What instructions did Jesus give two of the disciples? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. What were they to say if someone asked them what they were doing? \_\_\_\_\_
6. How was Jesus honored as He rode along upon the colt of the donkey? \_\_\_\_\_
7. How did the Pharisees react when the people began to praise Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_
8. The Pharisees claimed to know the Scriptures of the Old Testament very well. Read Zechariah 9:9. How does this prove that the Pharisees were spiritually blind? \_\_\_\_\_
9. What did Jesus say would happen if the people stopped shouting praises? \_\_\_\_\_
10. After He had entered into Jerusalem, where did Jesus go? \_\_\_\_\_  
 What did He do there? \_\_\_\_\_
11. Why did the Pharisees find it difficult to have Jesus arrested and killed? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**QUESTION TO THINK ABOUT**

How interested are you in the words of Jesus?