



Unit 26, Session 1

Jesus' Triumphal Entry

Matthew 21; Mark 11; Luke 19;
John 12

Story Point: People welcomed Jesus to Jerusalem as their King.

Jesus and His disciples traveled to Jerusalem. Jesus sent two of His disciples ahead into a village. “As soon as you enter the village,” Jesus told them, “you will find a young donkey tied there. No one has ever sat on it. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone says to you ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it.’”

The disciples did as Jesus asked. They brought the donkey to Jesus, threw their robes onto the donkey, and helped Jesus get onto it. People spread their robes along the road for Jesus, and others spread palm branches cut from the fields.

The whole crowd praised God. “Hosanna!” they said. “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

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His disciples to be quiet. Jesus answered, “If they did not praise Me, the rocks would praise Me!”

While Jesus was in the temple complex, people who were blind and people who were lame came to Him. Jesus healed them.

Jesus went to the town of Bethany to spend the night.

Christ Connection: During Jesus' triumphal entry, the people welcomed Him as King. Jesus was the Messiah spoken about by the prophet Zechariah: “Look, your King is coming to you; He is righteous and victorious, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey” (Zechariah 9:9). One day, Jesus will return to earth on a white horse as King over everything.



EXPERIENCE the Story

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

- Number the events in the order they happened. Read Matthew 21:1-17 if you need help.

_____ People came to Jesus, and He healed them.

_____ The crowds shouted, “*Hosanna* to the Son of David!”

_____ Jesus rode a donkey into Jerusalem.

_____ The religious leaders asked Jesus to quiet His disciples.

- What does this story teach us about God?

- Why was Passover such an important time for the Jewish people?

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APPLY the Story

- Why do you think the people welcomed Jesus as King?

- What type of Messiah were the Jewish people expecting?

- What are some things you can trust God with in your life, knowing that His plans are best?

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APPLY the Story

- Find Philippians 2:8 in your Bible and write the words below.

- Write a prayer to God, thanking Him for sending Jesus as the Messiah and for the promise of eternal life that we have through Him.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 118:26 | <input type="checkbox"/> John 1:46 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Isaiah 55:9 | <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 10:40 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Proverbs 3:5-6 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Corinthians 11:33 |