

Palm Sunday

Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:28-40; John 12:12-19

The Story

Jesus and the disciples drew near to Jerusalem. And it came to pass, when He came near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mountain called Olivet, that He sent two of His disciples saying, "Go into the village opposite you, where as you enter you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her on which no one has ever sat. Loose them and bring them here. And if anyone asks you, 'Why are you loosing them?' thus you shall say to him, 'Because the Lord has need of them' and immediately he will send them here."

All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: "Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your King is coming to you, lowly, and sitting on a donkey, the colt, the foal of a donkey.'"

So those who were sent departed and found the colt tied by the door outside on the street, just as He had said to them. But as they were loosing the colt, the owners of it said to them, "Why are you loosing the colt?"

And they said, "The Lord has need of him." And they let them go.

Then they brought them to Jesus. And they threw their own garments on the colt, and they set Jesus on him. And as He went, a very great multitude came out to meet him, spread their garments on the



road; others cut down leafy branches from the palm trees and spread them on the road.

Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen, saying:

"Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!

Blessed is the kingdom of our father David

That comes in the name of the Lord!

The King of Israel!

Hosanna in the highest!"

And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, "Teacher rebuke Your disciples."



But He answered and said to them, "I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out."

And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, "Who is this?" So the multitudes said, "This

is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee."

And Jesus went into the temple. So when He had looked around at all the things, as the hour was already late, He went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Recalling Details - Answer these questions.

1. What city was Jesus going to?
2. What job did he assign to two of his disciples?
3. How did Jesus ride into Jerusalem?
4. What did the disciples use for a saddle?
5. What two things did the people put on the road?
6. What does "Hosanna" mean?
7. What did the Pharisees want Jesus to do?
8. What would have happened if the people had not praised Jesus?
9. Why is this day called "Palm Sunday"?

Outer Aim

Jesus entered Jerusalem in humility.

Discussion Questions

1. How did Jesus know that the donkeys would be tied in the village?
2. Why was Jesus going to Jerusalem at that time?

3. Why did Jesus come to Jerusalem riding on the colt of a donkey? (There are two big reasons.)

4. Why were the owners of the donkeys happy to provide them to Jesus?

5. Why did the people come out to honor Jesus?

6. What does it mean that Jesus is our king?

7. How can we honor Jesus?
 - in our homes

 - at school

 - with our friends

 - at church

 - privately

8. The devil, the world and our flesh often make it difficult for us to honor Jesus. Because of this, we are often not willing to make any sacrifices for Him. He went to Jerusalem, knowing that He would suffer all the torments of hell for us--and He went willingly. what are some situations where you have found it difficult to honor Jesus, and what are some good ways to handle those situations?

Inner Aim

Jesus, the Son of God, came as a humble servant to save all mankind.

Passages - Read each passage and tell how it applies to the story.

Psalm 24:9-10 - Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors!
And the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory?
The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory.

Hebrews 12:2 - Look unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross,
despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Zechariah 9:9 - Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you;
He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.

Matthew 26:64 - I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man
sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming of the clouds of heaven.

Hymn

Look at Hymn 604 and tell how it applies to our story today.

Prayer

“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer, The Lord of heav’n our King.
Oh, may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice
And in His blissful presence Eternally rejoice!