

Palm Sunday

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

How are important people (athletes, singers, movie stars) today introduced?

Why are they introduced that way?

What, if anything, important do they do?

Prayer

Dear God, Our Father in Heaven, many years ago You sent Your Son, Jesus, to this world. Today we are going to study how Jesus was received by this world. Help us to understand and appreciate the important work that Your Son did for us. We ask this in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen



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 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.

What the Story Tells Us - Choose the correct answer and write the letter in the blank.

1. Jesus and His disciples were going to _____.

- A. Bethany
- B. Bethphage
- C. Bethlehem
- D. Jerusalem

2. Two disciples went into town to get _____.

- A. a horse
- B. a donkey
- C. a room
- D. some palm branches

3. Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a _____.

- A. horse
- B. mother donkey
- C. donkey colt
- D. camel

4. Jesus used _____ as a saddle.

- A. palm branches
- B. clothes
- C. a blanket
- D. nothing

5. The people put _____ and _____ in the road.

- A. palm branches
- B. clothes
- C. blankets
- D. nothing

7. The pharisees wanted Jesus to _____.

- A. ride something else
- B. bless them
- C. give the animal back
- D. scold the disciples

6. Hosanna means _____.

- A. praise Him
- B. hallelujah
- C. save
- D. blessed

Outer Aim

Jesus entered Jerusalem in humility

What God Tells Us - Write (T)rue or (F)alse

- ____ 1. Jesus knew the donkeys were tied in the village because He had been there before.
- ____ 2. Jesus was going to Jerusalem to be crowned king.
- ____ 3. Jesus rode on the colt of a donkey because He was fulfilling the Scriptures.
- ____ 4. The owners of the donkeys did not know that the disciples were borrowing them.
- ____ 5. The people wanted Jesus to be their earthly king.
- ____ 6. Jesus is our heavenly king.
- ____ 7. The only way to honor Jesus is to go to church.
- ____ 8. Jesus is happy when we go to church even if we don't listen.
- ____ 9. When Jesus comes again, both people and angels will honor Him.

Inner Aim

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

Hymn

Read hymn 160, stanzas 1,3,4 and 5. Write one more stanza for this hymn. Make sure it fits the ideas we talked about today. The first two lines will be the same as in all the other stanzas so they are already done for you! You may work together on this.

Your Turn - Use ideas from the story, the passages, and the hymn you read today to discuss the following questions.

What can you do to honor Jesus when your friends are doing something bad?
What can you do to honor Jesus when you are at school?
What can you do to honor Jesus at church?

Prayer (TLH #161 st. 3)
"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! Amen.

Passages - Fill in the blanks with the missing words, then find them in the word search.

Matthew 24:30 All the _____ of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of _____ coming on the clouds of heaven with _____ and great glory

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

Matthew 21:9 " _____ to the Son of _____! 'Blessed is He who comes in the _____ of the Lord!' Hosanna in the _____!"

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