

The Triumphal Entry

Matthew 21:1-11; Luke 19:35-40

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ADULT

Unit 6 Lesson 6

Supplemental Texts

Mark 11:1-10; Luke 19:28-40; John 12:12-15

Focus Verse

“Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.”
– Matthew 21:5

Introduction

Jesus was departing Jericho when two blind men who sat by the roadside heard that He was passing by, they cried out, “Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou Son of David.” The blind men were expecting to receive alms from people traveling between Jerusalem and Jericho. The blind men cried for mercy while acknowledging Jesus as the promised Messiah. Though, the crowd tried to quiet them, they refused to be quiet until Jesus stopped and restored their sight (Matt 20:29-34).

Deeper Look

Thy King Cometh Unto Thee – Matt 21:1-11

Jesus, knowing that He would be arrested, condemned, and crucified (Matt 20:19), came to Jerusalem. Before this time, He gave sight to the blind men in Jericho; He raised Lazarus from the dead, thus the hatred of the Pharisees and the chief priests was intensified (John 11:53); and He was anointed by Mary for His burial (John 12:7). His entry into Jerusalem was intended, at a time when there was Passover, a Jewish festival, in Jerusalem. Jesus told two of His disciples to bring a donkey and its colt from a nearby village. When they brought the animals, the disciples put their clothes on them. Then, Jesus sat upon the colt (Mark 11:2,7; Luke 19:30,35), and the crowd following Him spread their clothes and tree branches on the road as He rode to Jerusalem. Jesus, in this occasion, fulfilled the prophecy in Zech 9:9. He did not come on a horse like a conquering general but on a colt. He came as a humble Lord and as the Prince of Peace. “Hosanna to the son of David” identified Jesus as the expected Messiah King and Savior of all.

Master, Rebuke Thy Disciples – Luke 19:35-40

The crowd hailed and honored Jesus as the triumphant King while praising God for the great works Jesus had done. However, some of the Pharisees were uncomfortable and asked Jesus to stop His disciples from praising. Up to now, Jesus had dissuaded people from publicly praising Him, but here, He welcomed the praises. On that day, Jesus had to be praised. It was God’s plan; therefore, Jesus told the Pharisees that stones would praise Him if the disciples should stop.

Questions

1. What event was Jesus preparing for when He sent two disciples to bring a donkey and its colt? See Matt 20:17-19. What effect would this event have on His ministry?
2. Why did Jesus tell the two disciples “And if any man say ought unto you”? What did Jesus tell them to say? Why was the response important? How would the response suffice for whoever questioned the disciples?
3. What is a prophecy? Whose prophecy was Jesus about to fulfill in the process? Why was it significant that Jesus fulfilled the prophecy? What attributes did the prophecy convey about Jesus?
4. The disciples brought the animals and put their clothes on them and then set Jesus on the colt. Why did Jesus choose to ride on a colt but not a horse?
5. What were the emotions of the people in the crowds as they spread their clothes and tree branches on the road? See Luke 19:37. What did the spreading of clothes and tree branches symbolize?
6. Consider what the crowds said, “Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.” Bring out the keywords and explain what each might mean to the crowds.
7. In His reply to the Pharisees, did Jesus literally mean that the stones would instantly cry out if the people held their peace? What would the stones say then?

Personal Meditation

The crowds that followed Jesus hailed, honored, and praised Him with great jubilation. Jesus welcomed and desired their praises on this occasion as He rode on the colt to Jerusalem. On this day, the crowds declared Him as the Son of David, the long-awaited Messiah, the King of Israel (Matt 21:9; Mark 11:9; Luke 19:38; John 12:13). Hosanna means “save now!” and was a Messianic adoration showing that the crowds looked to Jesus for salvation. In fact, that was the day that the Lord had made, and the people rejoiced exceedingly (Psa 118:24-25). Another point to notice is that occasion was the fulfillment of Daniel’s prophecy, too (Dan 9:26). So, the people called on their Messiah to deliver them from all their troubles. The important question now is, do you cry unto Jesus, the Savior, to deliver you from all your troubles? We all have something we want to be delivered from. Will Jesus be that Savior you call upon in your circumstances?

It is worth knowing that what ensued after this event was the confirmation of Who Jesus was and is, and it was the greatest demonstration of love to all humanity. Who is your Savior?

DAILY STUDY

Monday	Matt 21:1-3
Tuesday	Matt 21:4-5
Wednesday	Matt 21:6-8
Thursday	Matt 21:9-11
Friday	Luke 19:35-37
Saturday	Luke 19:38-40



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