

Story Time - Read the story to the children
Lesson 220: THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM
MATTHEW 21:1-11

Jesus and his followers were coming closer to Jerusalem. But first they stopped at Bethphage at the hill called the Mount of Olives. From there Jesus sent two of his disciples into town. He said to them, "Go to the village across from you. When you enter it, you will find a donkey with her colt. Untie them both, and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall tell them, 'The Lord needs them, and He will send them back very soon.'" All this was done so that what the prophet said would happen: "Tell the people of Zion, 'Look, your king is coming to you, humble and riding on a donkey, not just a donkey, but a colt - the baby of a donkey.'" The disciples went and did what Jesus told them to do. They brought the mother donkey and even the colt, and they covered them with their cloaks, and Jesus sat on them. A big crowd spread their cloaks on the road for Jesus. Others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. Some of the people were walking ahead of Jesus. Others were walking behind Him. They all shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!' Hosanna in the highest!" (Which means hooray for the Son of David! God bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hooray for God in heaven above!) When He came into Jerusalem, the whole city was excited and they were saying, "Who is this?" The crowds following Jesus answered, "This is Jesus. He is the prophet from the town of Nazareth in Galilee."

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"And the crowds that were in front, and behind, shouted saying, 'Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is the one that comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest!'" **MATTHEW 21:9**

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MEMORY VERSE:

*"...Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!
Hosanna in the highest!"* **MATTHEW 21:9**

Review Questions

True or False

1. Jesus told His two disciples, "Go into the village across from you and you will find a cow tied up there, and her calf with her."
2. If anyone says anything to you, you shall tell them, 'The Lord needs them, and He will return them very soon.'
3. All this happened so that what the king said would happen.
4. The prophet said, "Tell the people of Zion, 'Look, your King is coming to you, humble and sitting on a donkey- not just a donkey, but a colt, the baby of a donkey.'
5. They brought the donkey and the colt, and covered them with saddles.

Questions

1. What did the disciples put on the donkey and the colt?
2. What did the crowds of people do? What did they put in the road?
3. What things did the people shout? (Can you remember all three things they were shouting?)
4. What does "Hosanna to the Son of David" mean?
5. What did the people in the city say?
6. What did the crowds following Jesus answer the people in the city when they asked "Who is this?"

Lesson 220 Activity

ACT IT OUT!

A Children's Parade

Materials Needed:

Green construction paper cut in the shape of leaves. You can cut them to look like palm leaves by cutting slits down both sides of the leaves.

Jackets, Coats, old shirts, towels, or anything to be pretend 'cloaks' to put down in front of Jesus

Have your children line up and pick a child to be Jesus. If there is a child (or you!) that is strong enough to walk around on their hands & knees while Jesus sits on their back, let them, but don't let them get too out of control! Otherwise, let Jesus walk around the room, pretending to ride the colt. Have the children put their 'cloaks' and 'leaves' down in front of Jesus as He rides around the room, shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David!", "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!" and "Hosanna in the highest!" as Jesus rides around the room.

Act it out a few times, so that each child who wishes to be Jesus gets a chance to do so.

Explain to your class that Jesus is our Lord and King. He has truly triumphed over our enemies, and we have a very good reason to praise Him and celebrate! **Jesus is worthy of all of our worship.**

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer proclaiming Jesus as Lord and Savior. If any children have not yet responded to the gospel, give them an opportunity to do so.