

LIFE OF CHRIST
from the gospel of
Luke

Lesson 11

Journey to the Cross:
Jesus Enters Jerusalem

Luke 19:28-38

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Younger Verse

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" Luke 19:38

Older Verse

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Bible Story



*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

Jesus and His followers were walking to the city of Jerusalem. Jesus knew that the time was coming for Him to die on the cross. He knew that this was God's plan for Him. Before they got to Jerusalem, they stopped at a place between two nearby villages. The place where they stopped was called the Mount of Olives.

Once they had stopped, Jesus gave some special directions. He called for two of His disciples. Jesus said, "Go into the nearby town. Once you enter the town, you will see a young donkey tied up. Nobody has ever ridden this donkey. Untie the donkey and bring it to me. If someone asks you, "Why are you taking the donkey?" tell them, "The Lord needs it."

The two disciples went into town and found the donkey tied up, just like Jesus said! Excitedly, they untied the donkey to take it back to Jesus. Some people standing there asked, "Why are you taking the donkey?" They said, "The Lord needs it." When the people heard the disciples' answer, they let them have the donkey. Wow, it went just as Jesus had said it would! The two disciples hurried back to Jesus with the donkey. When they got back to Jesus, they put coats on the donkey's back so Jesus could ride it. Then Jesus rode the donkey into town.

It was the time of year when God's people celebrated the Passover. Many Jews had come to Jerusalem to celebrate this holiday. When the crowds saw Jesus coming into town, they worshipped Him by laying down their coats and palm branches on the ground. The people shouted praises to Jesus, saying, "Hosanna! Bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord!" Everyone was so excited.

The Bible says that the crowds worshipped Him because of the wonderful things He had done. They had seen Jesus heal the sick and many other miracles. So they were ready to worship Him when it was the popular thing to do. But things would soon change.

Lesson Goals

- Learn that the people worshipped Jesus as he rode into Jerusalem
- Understand that Jesus was entering Jerusalem to die on the cross
- Recognize that we can make Jesus the King of our lives

Have you ever been really excited about something, and then it didn't turn out the way you thought it would? Jesus knew that He was coming to Jerusalem to die on the cross. But the people worshipping Him did not understand God's plan. They probably thought Jesus was going to set up an earthly kingdom and be a powerful leader. But that was not God's plan.

Jesus came to earth for a purpose—to live a perfect life, and to die to pay the price for the sins of all people. It was not a popular thing for Jesus to be spit upon, whipped, and hung on a cross to die. The crowds didn't understand what was going on. For them, Jesus had been a disappointment.

But as you know, Jesus did not stay dead! He rose from the dead three days later! And when Jesus returns, He will come in power and glory and honor. He will show the world that He IS the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. The Bible says that every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus is Lord. Let's not wait until Jesus comes back to worship Him. Let's start now!

You can make Jesus the King of your life by inviting Him into your heart. You can give Him control of your life. He will guide you and take care of you, and you can get to know Him as you study the Bible and pray. Then, you can know that one day you will be with Jesus forever in Heaven, His kingdom!

Review Questions

1. What did Jesus tell two of His disciples to do? (Go to a village and get a colt.)
2. What did the people lay down in Jesus' path? (coats and palm branches)
3. What did the people shout as Jesus passed by? ("Hosanna! Bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord!")
4. Did the people understand that Jesus was going to die on a cross? (No.)

Life Application

It is easy to praise God when we are at Bible study or church. Everyone else is doing it, so we feel comfortable. But it isn't as easy to praise God when we are at school or around people who aren't living for Christ. But that is when we need to be an example to those around us. We don't need to follow the crowd and forget about God.

What are some ways you can praise God when you're not in church? Maybe you could start a prayer group with your friends. Or you could listen to Christian music and encourage those around you to listen, too. There are lots of ways you can lift up Christ throughout the week—not just when you're at church.

We can be a leader of the crowd and help others to follow Christ. That is what God wants us to do!

Planning for Lesson 12
Journey to the Cross: Jesus Eats and Prays
Luke 22:7-20; 29-46

Preschool Lesson for Jesus Enters Jerusalem

Hello, boys and girls! I am glad that each of you are here today. For the next few weeks, we are going to be getting ready for Easter. We celebrate Easter because Jesus died and then came back to life. But before He did that, He had some important things to do.

Jesus and His friends were walking together. They were on their way to Jerusalem. Before they went there, they had to stop in a nearby town. His friends may have wondered, “Why did Jesus stop here?” Jesus asked two of His friends to do a special job. He said, “Go down into that little town. You will see a young donkey. Untie the donkey and bring it with you. If someone asks what you are doing, tell them the Lord needs it and will return the donkey soon.” So the two left, ready to do what Jesus had said.

They went down into the town and looked around. What do you think they saw? Yes, a donkey. What did they do next? Right, they untied it and began to walk away. But then someone asked them, “Why are you taking the donkey?” What are they supposed to say? Very good, “The Lord needs it and will give the donkey back soon.”

They went back to Jesus with the donkey. Why would Jesus need the donkey? He was going to ride it. Then Jesus’ friends took off their coats and put them on the donkey’s back before He sat down. Many people had heard that Jesus was coming to their town, so they were very excited. They went to look for some special leaves. They threw the leaves on the ground in front of Jesus. Other people took off their coats and threw those in front of Jesus, too! It must have looked like a parade, and Jesus was the one that everyone was cheering for. People were shouting and praising God because Jesus was in their town. They thought He was going to be their king. Jesus would become a King, but not the way the people thought. He became King when He died on the cross and came back to life.

It is important to be excited and happy about Jesus. It is also important for us to spend time with Him. As we go to Bible Study, pray, and read our Bible, we learn more about how to let Jesus be our King.

Sing “Who’s the King of the Jungle?”



**Hands-on Activities
for
Jesus Enters Jerusalem**

Bring palm branches and/or coats to use while telling the story. Or let the kids make their own palm branches and coats from paper. Designate one person to be the donkey and another to be “Jesus.” As they walk, let the others lay down the branches and coats.

Make king’s crowns using construction paper. Write “Jesus is My King” on the crowns. Decorate with glitter, crayons/markers, etc.

Sing songs that talk about Jesus being our king, like “Hail, Jesus, You’re My King.” Have kids wave the palm branches to the sky in honor of their King.

Play “Pin the Tail on the Donkey”. Ask kids if they understand why Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. Remind them that this was foretold in Zechariah.

You can act out this story using cut-out leaves. Get the children involved in the story; let them say what the people were shouting. Use a long stick with a pony head for the donkey.

Make crowns with parts of the verse on each one. Let the children put them in the correct order.

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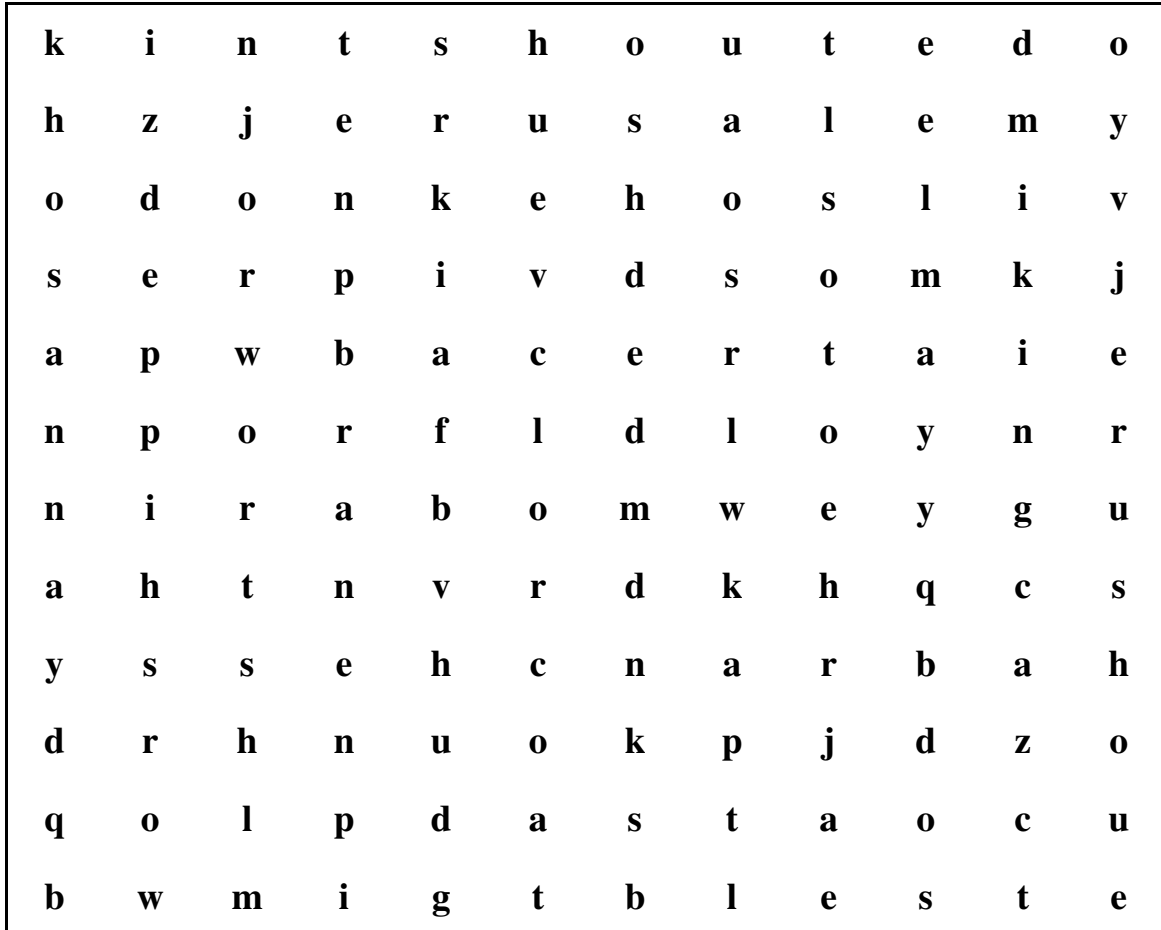


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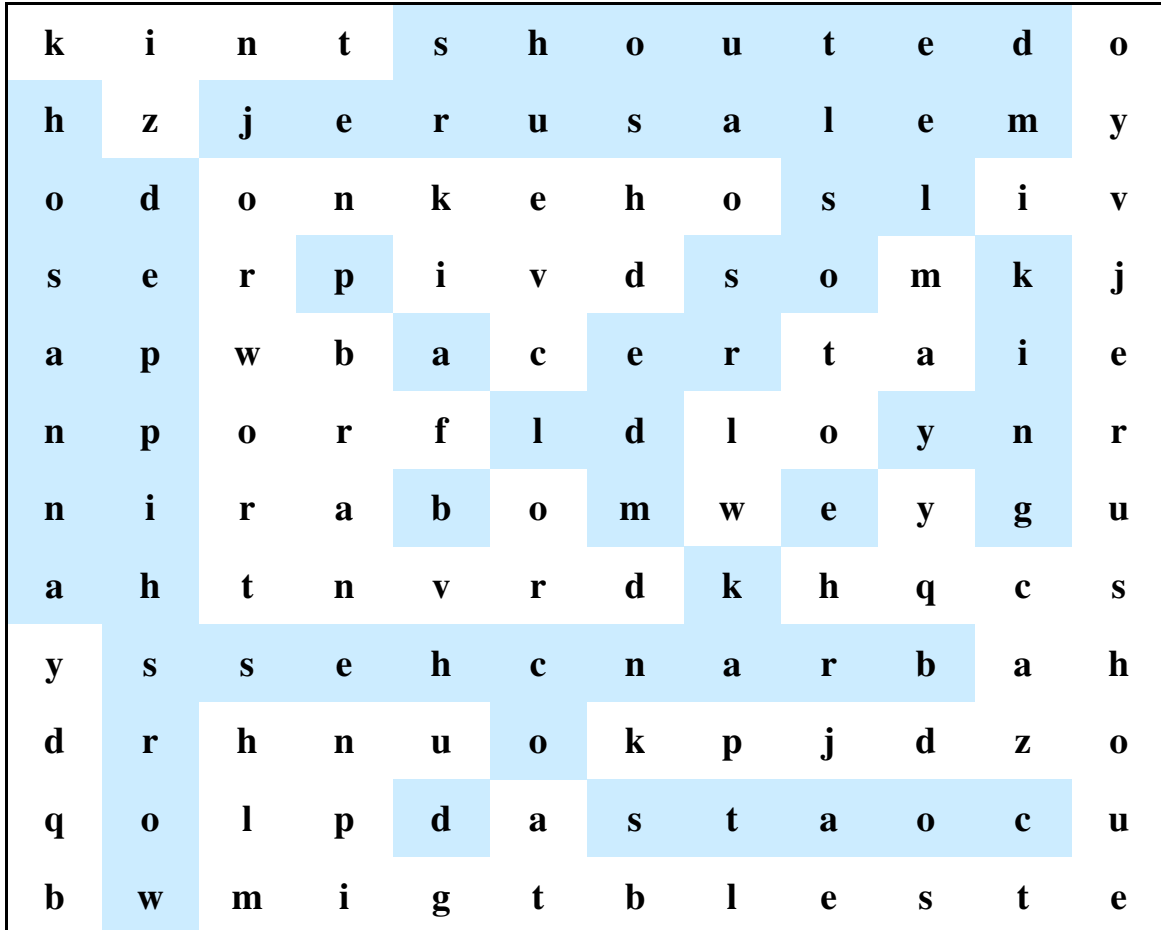
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Write the letter that comes next in the
alphabet to find out the city Jesus entered on a donkey.
(Hint: Z will go back to A.)

I D Q T R Z K D L

Fill in the blank.

“Blessed is the k__n__
who comes in the name of the
L__r__!”

