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# **Go And Make Disciples**

**The Cross and Beyond**

## **Lesson 2: Jesus' Triumphal Entry**

## Scripture

Matthew 21:1-11  
 Mark 11:1-10  
 Luke 19:28-44  
 John 12:12-19

## Memory Verse

When you welcome  
 Me, you welcome  
 the One who sent  
 Me.  
 Mark 9:37b (CEV)

## Lesson Goals

Learn that, as Jesus  
 neared Jerusalem,  
 the people praised  
 Him

Understand that  
 God's plan and His  
 ways are not like  
 ours

Understand that  
 Jesus desires to  
 reign on the throne  
 of your heart

The following is a summary of the Bible story to help supplement your preparation. In your personal study time, use this summary as a guide, and make notes to help you remember your plans for the lesson. Please do **NOT** read to the children.

As we talked about last week, the birth of Jesus was the beginning of something new. Jesus was born to save people from their sins. God provided salvation for all people in the death of Jesus on the cross.

We have jumped into that story about a week before the Passover Feast. Last week, we learned about a woman's love for the One who would be her Savior and how she worshipped Him. She poured out her love for Jesus as she prepared Him for His burial.

The Bible tells us that, "the next day the large crowd that had come for the Feast heard that Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem." (John 12:12 NIV) As Jesus and His disciples were headed there, they came to the towns of Bethany and Bethphage near a hill called the Mount of Olives. From there, Jesus sent two of His disciples saying, "Go to the village ahead of you. As soon as you get there, you will find a donkey tied up. Her colt will be with her." (Matthew 21:2 NIV) This colt was one that no one had ever ridden before. The disciples were instructed to untie the donkey and her colt and to bring them to Jesus and if anyone asked, they were to say, "The Lord needs them, but He will send them back soon."

The disciples did as Jesus said. They went into the village and they found the donkey and her colt just as Jesus had said. "They were untying the colt when its owners came. The owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They replied, 'The Lord needs it.'" (Luke 19:33-34 NIV) They were allowed to take them and the disciples brought the donkey and her colt to Jesus. The disciples threw their coats on the colt and Jesus sat on their coats.

The crowd from Jerusalem found Jesus. As He went along, they spread their coats on the road. Others cut branches from the trees to spread them on the road. Some people walked in front of Jesus; others followed Him. What a parade they had! "Jesus came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives. There the whole crowd of disciples began to praise God with joy. In loud voices they praised Him for all the miracles they had seen." (Luke 19:37 NIV) And then they all shouted "Hosanna! Blessed is the king who comes in God's name! Blessed is the kingdom that is coming from King David! Hosanna in the highest heaven with peace and glory!" This was some kind of celebration!

As usual, though, there were some people who weren't pleased with the way the people were praising Jesus. "Some of the Pharisees in the crowd spoke to Jesus. 'Teacher,' they said, 'tell your disciples to stop!'" (Luke 19:39 NIV) You see, the Pharisees were afraid that everyone would follow Him and leave them without a nation. Jesus responded by telling them that if the people hadn't praised Him the rocks certainly would have!

### **Application**

In our lesson, we saw two different groups of people. The first were Jesus' followers. With their praise and devotion they were not only welcoming Him to Jerusalem, but into their hearts.

The second group of people from the lesson were the Pharisees. They were so afraid of losing earthly power that they couldn't see God's Promised One right before their eyes! Their hearts were closed to Him.

To which group do you belong? Have you welcomed Jesus into your heart and life, believing that He is the One sent from God who died in your place and paid the price for your sins? If you have, let it be evident by your praise and devotion to Him. And if not, what are you waiting for?

As Jesus got closer to Jerusalem, He began to cry hard. He knew that the majority of people were like these Pharisees, they didn't accept Him as the Messiah. He sobbed because He knew they were going to miss out on the salvation He would bring. It is the only thing that would bring them peace.

Jesus' followers had no doubt that He was the One they had waited for, the Promised One of God, the Messiah. They cried out "Hosanna" which means "save us." They may not have completely understood how Jesus would rule and reign and they couldn't even begin to imagine how He would save them!

Jesus wasn't entering Jerusalem to save the people from wicked, sinful rulers. He wasn't entering Jerusalem to overturn the government or to sit on a throne in a palace. Jesus entered Jerusalem knowing that He was headed to His death. He did it because we need to be saved, not from wicked kings or evil men, but from the death that comes as a result of the sin that so easily trips us up. Jesus desires to take a throne, not one of gold in a palace, but in each and every heart.

### **Preparing for the Next Lesson**

Jesus Cleanses the Temple



# Preschool Lesson

## Teachers:

Bring branches of leaves, extra coats, and a horse on a wooden stick. Assign parts before you begin, switching and reviewing the lesson as often as you like. Act out the lesson.

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The Bible tells us that the day after Mary poured perfume all over Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair, He went to the big city of Jerusalem. Here is how it happened!

Jesus called two of His followers to Him and sent them on an errand to the nearest small village. Jesus told them that they would find a donkey and her colt tied up near the entrance of the village. Jesus told them that it would be okay to untie the donkey and her colt and bring them to him. "And if anyone asks what you are doing," Jesus said, "tell them that I need them."

The two followers did exactly as Jesus asked them to do. They went into the nearest town and found the donkey and her colt exactly where Jesus said they would be. They untied them and headed toward Jesus. The donkey's owners saw them taking the animals and asked what they were doing. The followers answered, "Jesus needs them. He will send them back soon." The owners said okay and sent them off to Jesus.

Jesus' followers put their coats on the donkey's colt. Jesus sat on their coats. Jesus' followers also laid their coats in the road. Others laid palm branches in the road with the coats. This is the way that Jesus traveled into Jerusalem. Some of the people walked in front of Jesus. Others walked behind him, but they all shouted with a loud voice, "Hosanna! Jesus is blessed because He is sent from God!" Jesus' followers welcomed Him this way into Jerusalem.



## Activities

- Memory Verse Activity - Make welcome mats. Provide your students with large sheets of construction paper or strips that can be woven. Be sure to print the memory verse and its reference on the welcome mat. Laminate the welcome mat or cover it with clear contact paper.
- Encourage your students to fill out the journal/note page found on page 8. This can be used during the story to help focus your students or after the story as a review.
- Make cookies in the shapes of coats or palm leaves. Decorate!
- Bring different types of fabrics and different kinds of leaves. Allow your students to touch each one and explain the differences.
- Make a parade and reenact the lesson outside of your Bible study area. Use the hallway or a sidewalk outside.
- Sing “Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children,” Michael W. Smith’s “Hosanna,” or another praise song.
- Find Jerusalem on a map. Then find Bethany, Bethphage, and the Mount of Olives on the map east of Jerusalem.

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welcome Me,  
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**Mark 9:37**

Trace the letters.

Jesus!

followers

praised Him.

# Focus on the Story

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**Story Title:**

**Scripture Refernces:**

**Main Characters:**

**Story Summary:**

When?

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Where?

What?

How?





# Word Search

P O T O J E R U S A L E M M I  
C C T A R G H A L P N M O Z M  
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K K O R B H R K D H Y H X Y U  
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**BETHANY**

**JESUS**

**DONKEY AND COLT**

**PRAISE**

**BETHPHAGE**

**FOLLOWERS**

**UNTIE**

**HOSANNA**

**MOUNT OF OLIVES**

**TO JERUSALEM**

**JESUS NEEDS THEM**

**HE IS BLESSED**



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R I F O L L O W E R S U  
G O G R O B A M A R Y E  
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JESUS

FOLLOWERS

TRAVEL

COATS

BRANCHES

PRAISE



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