

# THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM

Luke 19 :29-48

LESSON 170 Junior Course

**MEMORY VERSE:** "Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord" (Luke 19:38).

## BIBLE TEXT in King James Version

### **Luke 19:29-48**

<sup>29</sup> And it came to pass, when he was come nigh to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount called *the mount* of Olives, he sent two of his disciples,

<sup>30</sup> Saying, Go ye into the village over against *you*; in the which at your entering ye shall find a colt tied, whereon yet never man sat: loose him, and bring *him hither*.

<sup>31</sup> And if any man ask you, Why do ye loose *him*? thus shall ye say unto him, Because the Lord hath need of him.

<sup>32</sup> And they that were sent went their way, and found even as he had said unto them.

<sup>33</sup> And as they were loosing the colt, the owners thereof said unto them, Why loose ye the colt?

<sup>34</sup> And they said, The Lord hath need of him.

<sup>35</sup> And they brought him to Jesus: and they cast their garments upon the colt, and they set Jesus thereon.

<sup>36</sup> And as he went, they spread their clothes in the way.

<sup>37</sup> And when he was come nigh, even now at 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 that they had seen;

<sup>38</sup> Saying, Blessed *be* the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest.

<sup>39</sup> And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, Master, rebuke thy disciples.

<sup>40</sup> And he answered and said unto

## BIBLE REFERENCES:

### NOTES:

#### **Obedience**

Jesus and the twelve disciples were on their way to Jerusalem (**Luke 18:31** <sup>31</sup> Then he took *unto him* the twelve, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished). As they drew near the towns of Bethany and Bethphage, Jesus sent two of the disciples on an errand. He told them just what to do, just what to say, and what they would find. The two disciples did what Jesus commanded. They did not question or doubt Him. They did not ask "Why?" or say "If." They obeyed and found it even as He had said.

#### **Need of It**

As the two disciples entered a nearby village, they found a colt tied with its mother, an ass, as the Lord had said (**Matthew 21:2** <sup>2</sup> Saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose *them*, and bring *them* unto me.). Jesus had told them to bring the animal to Him. When the owners asked why they were untying the colt, the disciples answered with the words that Jesus had told them to say: "The Lord hath need of him." The answer satisfied the owners. We do not read of an agreement about renting or buying the colt. They were willing to have their animal used because the Lord had need of it. Are you as willing to let the Lord use that which you call your own — your life, your talents, your testimony, and your possessions? Is it not enough that the Lord hath need of it?

Learn a lesson in obedience from these two disciples. God expects all His followers to obey without questioning or making excuses. When the Lord gives you the privilege of doing something for Him, do as He bids, speak the words He gives you to speak. By obedience you will find His promises, "even as he had said."

The Lord is pleased when children obey their parents, too. In Colossians 3:20 we read: "Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord." The Bible also states: "Obey them that have the rule over you" (Hebrews 13:17).

#### **Fulfilled Prophecy**

Perhaps the disciples discussed among themselves why Jesus needed the colt. We do not read that Jesus was accustomed to riding a colt. Surely He was not so tired that He needed to ride. No, that was not the reason. It was done to fulfill the prophecy which was spoken many years before (Matthew 21:4): "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh

them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out.

<sup>41</sup> And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it,

<sup>42</sup> Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things *which belong* unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes.

<sup>43</sup> For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side,

<sup>44</sup> And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.

<sup>45</sup> And he went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold therein, and them that bought;

<sup>46</sup> Saying unto them, It is written, My house is the house of prayer: but ye have made it a den of thieves.

<sup>47</sup> And he taught daily in the temple. But the chief priests and the scribes and the chief of the people sought to destroy him,

<sup>48</sup> And could not find what they might do: for all the people were very attentive to hear him.

unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass" (Zechariah 9:9).

The disciples took the colt to Jesus as they had been told to do. Upon the colt they put their garments, willing to use their own property as well as that of others, for the Lord. Then they put Jesus on the colt upon which no other man had ever sat (**Mark 11:2** <sup>2</sup> And saith unto them, Go your way into the village over against you: and as soon as ye be entered into it, ye shall find a colt tied, whereon never man sat; loose him, and bring him). In front of Him, on the road, they placed their garments and the branches of palm trees (**John 12:13** <sup>13</sup> Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord).

As Jesus, riding upon the colt, drew near to the Mount of Olives, the multitudes of people began to rejoice and praise God for the mighty works they had seen. They acclaimed Jesus King, and shouted praises to Him, for they hoped that He was riding into Jerusalem to set up an earthly kingdom. Notice that their praise was similar to that of the heavenly host the night that Jesus was born: "Glory to God in the highest" (Luke 2:14). The multitudes who went before and those who followed Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying: "Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest" (Matthew 21:9).

#### Honor to Jesus

This must have been a wonderful day for the disciples who thought that Jesus would soon set up His Kingdom. The multitudes that were going to the Passover Feast joined in the praises (**John 12:12-13** <sup>12</sup> On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, <sup>13</sup> Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord). Try to picture this joyous scene as Jesus rode triumphantly into Jerusalem. The pathway had been strewn with garments and branches of trees, to honor Jesus. They acclaimed Jesus "the son of David" (**Matthew 21:9** <sup>9</sup> And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest) who had been prophesied to be the Messiah (**Isaiah 9:7** <sup>7</sup> Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this), who Jesus really was (**Matthew 1:1** <sup>1</sup> The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.). They seemed to be shouting the praises contained in Psalm 118:25 and 26: "Save now, I beseech thee, O LORD . . . Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the LORD." "Hosanna," translated, means "save now."

#### Praises Accepted

Never before had Jesus permitted the disciples to so honor Him. To the contrary, Jesus had asked, upon different occasions, that they tell no one of the miracles performed and the great things they had seen. Jesus asked silence from all these: a leper (**Matthew 8:4** <sup>4</sup> And Jesus saith unto him, See thou tell no man; but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.), two blind men (**Matthew 9:30** <sup>30</sup> And their eyes were opened; and Jesus

straitly charged them, saying, See *that no man know it.*), multitudes that were healed (**Matthew 12:16** <sup>16</sup> And charged them that they should not make him known:), the disciples after Peter had said: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16, 20) ; also from those who wept after the healing of Jairus' daughter (**Mark 5:43** <sup>43</sup> And he charged them straitly that no man should know it; and commanded that something should be given her to eat.); and from the disciples who had been with Jesus at the Transfiguration (**Matthew 17:9** <sup>9</sup> And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen again from the dead.).

Now Jesus accepted praise and honor from the people for He knew that "his hour was come" (John 13:1; 12:23). Jesus not only accepted their praise but He, when Pharisees objected, said that even the very stones would cry out to praise Him if the people did not. May we never be guilty of withholding praise from the Lord! May it never be necessary for the stones to tell His praise because we have held our peace!

### A Great Day Coming

Perhaps you would like to have been there to wave palm branches that day when Jesus rode into Jerusalem. There is another day coming even more glorious, in which you can take part, when Jesus comes to reign as "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS" (Revelation 19:16). It is true that Jesus reigns now in the hearts and lives of His people. But He will also reign upon the earth for a thousand years (**Revelation 20:6** <sup>6</sup> Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years). The time will come when "the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever" (Revelation 11:15). He will come, riding upon a white horse (**Revelation 19:11** <sup>11</sup> And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him *was* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.), with ten thousands of His saints (**Jude 1:14** <sup>14</sup> And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, **Revelation 19:14** <sup>14</sup> And the armies *which were* in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.), as a multitude of voices cry: "Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth" (Revelation 19:6).

We have already studied about Jesus' coming and what a great and terrible day it will be. A great day for those who have prepared for His coming! A terrible day for those who reject and neglect Jesus! Are you ready and waiting for His return?

### Weeping Over Jerusalem

As they drew near Jerusalem, Jesus beheld the city and wept. In the midst of what appeared to be a happy occasion, the heart of Him who *was* being honored was moved to compassion for those who had failed to believe on Him, and who, because of their unbelief would suffer judgment. Instead of peace, the way of escape would be cut off so they would be taken captive and scattered while the city itself would be cast down with a great slaughter.

On another occasion Jesus lamented over Jerusalem and said: "How often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not!" (Luke 13:34).

## Temple Cleansed

Jesus entered the Temple at Jerusalem. There He found it necessary to cleanse it, for the people were polluting the house of God. At the beginning of Jesus' ministry, He had driven money-changers out of the Temple (**John 2:15** <sup>15</sup> And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables;). People came from distant lands to worship. Perhaps some had a different kind of money, just as different kinds of money *are* used in foreign countries today. To make worship easier, they thought, men exchanged the foreign money for the kind used in Jerusalem. Others sold the animals used for sacrifice so that the worshipers need not bring from a distance the offering of their herds and flocks.

It was lawful to take money to the Temple in place of offerings of their crops and flocks when the people were "not able to carry it" or if the place was "too far" (**Deuteronomy 14:24** <sup>24</sup> And if the way be too long for thee, so that thou art not able to carry it; or if the place be too far from thee, which the LORD thy God shall choose to set his name there, when the LORD thy God hath blessed thee;). But the people had done the wrong thing in making the exchange *in* the Temple, for the Law also stated that after the offerings had been turned into money, they were then to take it unto the place which God would choose (**Deuteronomy 14:25** <sup>25</sup> Then shalt thou turn *it* into money, and bind up the money in thine hand, and shalt go unto the place which the LORD thy God shall choose).

## A House of Prayer

*Jesus* had said, "Make not my Father's house an house of merchandise" (John 2:16). *Jesus* found this same condition in the Temple, and it was necessary again to drive out the buyers and sellers. What a terrible thing to make God's house a den of thieves (**Mark 11:17** <sup>17</sup> And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves.), a den of robbers (**Jeremiah 7:11** <sup>11</sup> Is this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, even I have seen *it*, saith the LORD.), when it is a house of prayer! If Jesus came to look at your church, would you be driven out because you are misusing it instead of *using it as* a house of prayer?

## Palm Sunday

This Sunday we are commemorating that day on which Jesus rode triumphantly into Jerusalem. It is called Palm Sunday, and begins what is called Passion Week, the week before Easter. This brings to the minds of God's people the day in which He triumphantly entered their lives. From their lips burst forth praises to Him for all His mighty works. Have you let Jesus come into your life to rule and reign? There could not be a better time than today. Do not delay, lest the doom that befell Jerusalem fall upon you, too.

## QUESTIONS

- 1 Where did Jesus get the colt?
- 2 Why did He ride on a colt?
- 3 What was the shout of the people?
- 4 Why did the people praise Him?
- 5 What would have happened if the people had withheld their praises?
- 6 Why did Jesus weep over Jerusalem?
- 7 Why was it necessary to cleanse the Temple?
- 8 How had the people made it a "den of thieves" instead of a "house of prayer"?