

**Lesson 27: The Triumphant Entry**

**Objective:** To learn that when we do God's will as Jesus did, we too, will have no fear of our enemy.

**Background:** After spending the Sabbath day (Saturday) with His friends, Lazarus, Mary and Martha at Bethany, Jesus entered Jerusalem triumphantly on Sunday, the following day. The day has been called "Palm Sunday" ever since. It began the final week of His ministry in Jerusalem until He died on the cross on Friday, five days later. The week in which Jesus died is known as "Passion Week". It is an important week and all four Gospels give us a lot of information about Jesus' activities during that week.

**Instructions:** Imagine you were with Jesus and saw what happened as you read carefully Luke 19:28-44, John 12:12-19; Mark 11:15-19

**Let's Think:** Be sure to read the passage listed at the end of the questions first.

1. What was the occasion which brought thousands and thousands of Jews to Jerusalem, the capitol of the Jewish nation? What was the latest news in Jerusalem, which the people whispered about? Please read John 11:55-57

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2. Sunday at Bethany two miles east of Jerusalem, Jesus was ready to go up to Jerusalem. Did He know what would happen to Him in Jerusalem? Did He hesitate to go? Please read Luke 18:31-33.

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3. For the past three and half years Jesus had been to Jerusalem for feasts many times and He always went privately and quietly, avoiding attention. But what is unusual about the way He went up this time? Read Luke 19:28-44; John 12:19.

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By riding on a donkey, Jesus made it public for the first time that He was the promised Messiah, the King of Peace, the one the prophet Zechariah foretold about 300 years before Jesus came. In those days, donkeys stood for “Peace”.

4. As Jesus reached the west slopes of the Mount of Olives, the city of Jerusalem with its beautiful temple spread out before His eyes, He wept. Why did Jesus weep (cry)? Was it for Himself? Read Luke 19:41-44 and Matthew 23:37-39.

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Jesus knew in a few days He would be rejected by the Jews and their leaders. In rejecting Jesus as their Messiah, the Jews rejected the love and mercy of God, and invited God’s judgement upon themselves. Jerusalem and its beautiful temple were totally destroyed by the Roman army about 40 years later, at 70 A.D. as Jesus had predicted (told about before it happened).

5. No one had yet dared to criticize the business going on in the temple court, for this business was owned by the high-priest family, the most powerful family of the Jews. What did Jesus do and say when He entered the temple Monday morning? Were the religious leaders pleased with what Jesus did? Explain. Read Mark 11:15-19.

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6. Look back at what happened and point out where you see the courage of Jesus. Why is it that doing the will of God gives us courage? Think about it!

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Let’s Remember: “For I (Jesus) have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of Him (God) who sent me.” (John 6:38)

