

Lesson V.

JESUS WELCOMED AS KING

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BETWEEN THE LESSONS—The anointing of Jesus at Bethany (see last lesson, vs. 1-11) took place on the Saturday before the crucifixion of Jesus. The triumphal entry into Jerusalem described in to-day's lesson was on Sunday.

GOLDEN TEXT—Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel.—John 12 : 13 (Rev. Ver.).

*Memorize John 1 : 8, 9.

THE LESSON PASSAGE—John 12 : 12-19. Study John 12 : 12-26.

12 On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,

13 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:

14 And Jesus, when he had found a young ass, sat thereon: as it is written:

15 Fear not, daughter of Sion: behold, thy King cometh, sitting on an ass's colt.

16 These things understood not his disciples at the

Revised Version—1 morrow a great multitude that had come; 2 the; 3 out; 4 he that; 5 even the King of Israel; 6 having found; 7 multitude; 8 the tomb; 9 witness; 10 also the multitude went and; 11 sign; 12 Behold how ye prevail nothing; 13 lo, the world.

first. but when Jesus was glorified, then remembered they that these things were written of him, and that they had done these things unto him.

17 The people therefore that was with him when he called Lazarus out of his grave, and raised him from the dead, bare record.

18 For this cause the people also met him, for that they heard that he had done this miracle.

19 The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, 10 Perceive ye how ye prevail nothing? behold, the world is gone after him.

HOME DAILY-BIBLE READINGS

M.—Jesus welcomed as king, John 12 : 12-19.

T.—Jesus welcomed as king, John 12 : 20-26.

W.—Preparing the way, Isa. 62 : 1-12.

S.—His final triumph, Rev. 5 : 9-14.

Th.—The prophetic vision, Zech. 9 : 9-17.

F.—Christ's kingdom, Luke 22 : 24-30.

S.—Christ's royalty, Heb. 1: 1-14.

THE LESSON EXPLAINED

I. THE KING'S WELCOME.—12. On the next day; the day which is now called Palm Sunday. The supper at Bethany (Lesson IV.) was on the evening of the day before. Much people; Rev. Ver. Margin, "the common people," whom Jesus loved, not dwellers in Jerusalem, but visitors who had come to the holy city for the Passover Feast, mostly from Galilee and Peraea. Heard that Jesus was coming; from the people of Jerusalem who had gone out to Bethany to see him and had returned.

13. Branches of the palm trees (Rev. Ver.); referring, it would seem, to trees well known at the time which grew on the roadside between Jerusalem and Bethany. Palm branches were the symbol of honor and rejoicing. And cried, Hosanna; Hebrew for "Save now," a kind of sacred hurrah, or like our "God save the king!" from Ps. 118, (v. 25), which was sung at the Feast of Tabernacles, while a daily procession walked round the altar, and at the close of the Passover. Even the King of Israel (Rev. Ver.). The people recognize Jesus as the Messiah, the promised king.

14-16. Found a young ass. Read the particulars

in Luke 19 : 29-36. Sat thereon. "The horse was used especially for war, but riding on an ass was the symbol of peace." As it is written; in Zech. 9 : 9, where the significance is clearly brought out,—"lowly, and riding upon an ass." Fear not; because the king is so gentle and peaceful, ruling not by force but love.

(Compare Rev. 1 : 17.) Daughter of Sion; a title for the inhabitants of Jerusalem. Behold, etc. This king was very different from the Roman or other foreign conqueror whom the people had often dreaded. His disciples, like the Jews generally, looked for Jesus to set up a great earthly kingdom. It was only after he was glorified, that is, had risen from the dead and ascended to heaven, that they understood that his kingdom was a spiritual kingdom. They (the multitude) had done these things; made this demonstration in his honor, exactly fulfilling the prophecy of Zechariah.



A MAN WITH ASSES

II. THE KING'S WITNESSES.—17. The multitude (Rev. Ver.); the first of the two multitudes mentioned in these verses. With him; at Bethany. When he called Lazarus out of his grave. They had witnessed this wonderful miracle (see Lesson II.,

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