

Lesson XI. JESUS ENTERS JERUSALEM IN TRIUMPH September 9, 1906

Matthew 21 : 1-17—Memory Verses, 9-11.

Golden Text—Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.—Matthew 21 : 9.

1 And when they drew nigh unto Jeru'salem, and were come to Beth'phage, unto the mount of Ol'ives, then sent Je'sus two disciples,

2 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.

3 And if any *man* say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them ; and straightway he will send *them*.

4 All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying,

5 Tell ye the daughter of Si'on, Behold thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.

6 And the disciples went, and did as Je'sus commanded them.

7 And brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set *him* thereon.

8 And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way ; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed *them* in the way.

9 And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosan'na to the Son of Da'vid : Blessed *is* he that cometh in the name of the Lord ; Hosan'na in the highest.

10 And when he was come into Jeru'salem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this ?

11 And the multitude said, This is Je'sus the prophet of Naz'areth of Gal'ilee.

12 And Je'sus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves.

13 And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer ; but ye have made

t a den of thieves. 14 And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple ; and he healed them.

15 And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosan'na to the Son of Da'vid ; they were sore displeased.

16 And said unto him, Hearest thou what these say ? And Je'sus saith unto them, Yea ; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise ?

17 And he left them, and went out of the city into Beth'an'y ; and he lodged there.

THE LESSON RETOLD

At last Jesus and His disciples, drawing near Jerusalem, reached a little village called Bethphage, near the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus called two of the disciples and told them to go into the village, where they would find an ass tied, with her colt beside her. They were to loose them, and bring them to Him, and if the owners objected, they were to say, "The Lord hath need of them", and they would immediately be allowed to take them.

The disciples did as Jesus commanded, and bringing the animals to Him, they laid their cloaks upon the colt, and setting Jesus upon it, they continued their journey to Jerusalem. With them went a great multitude from Galilee, proud of the Prophet who had worked such wonders in their midst, and, just as they paid homage to a king entering his kingdom, by strewing flowers and branches, as well as their long loose cloaks, on the road for him to walk over, so they did now for the King of kings ; and as they went, they sang, "Hosan-

na to the Son of David", and, "Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord". Soon they were joined by others—bands of pilgrims who were going up to Jerusalem to the Feast of the Passover—and as this great company, surrounding the meek and lowly Jesus, entered the city, singing and praising God, people wonderingly asked, who this could be. And the multitude answered, "Jesus, the Prophet of Nazareth."

When they came to the temple, Jesus left His beast and entered the sacred building. There, in the outer courts, was a great noise and confusion,—men were buying and selling doves and other animals used in the sacrifices, and changing money for the pilgrims who had come from a distance.

Jesus was very angry when He saw His Father's holy temple being used for such purposes, and turning to the crowd which followed Him, said, "God appointed that His temple should be a house of prayer, and these