

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

Matthew 21 : 1-17. Commit to memory vs. 9-11. Read Mark 11 : 1-11 ; Luke 19 : 29-44.

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

1 And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus 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 Sion, 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 Jesus 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 strewed them in the way.

9 And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David :

Revised Version.—¹ came unto ; ² any one say aught ; ³ Now this is come to pass, that ; ⁴ riding upon ; ⁵ even as Jesus appointed them ; ⁶ garments ; ⁷ he sat thereon ; ⁸ the most part of the multitude ; ⁹ cut branches ; ¹⁰ spread ; ¹¹ him ; ¹² stirred ; ¹³ multitudes ; ¹⁴ the prophet, Jesus, from Nazareth ; ¹⁵ entered ; ¹⁶ the ; ¹⁷ he saith ; ¹⁸ a ; ¹⁹ ye make it ; ²⁰ robbers ; ²¹ But ; ²² that were ; ²³ moved with indignation ; ²⁴ are saying ; ²⁵ did ye never read ? ²⁶ forth ; ²⁷ to.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord ; Hosanna in the highest.

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

11 And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.

12 And Jesus 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 it 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, Hosanna to the Son of David ; they were sore displeased.

16 And said unto him, Hearest thou what these say ? And Jesus 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 Bethany ; and he lodged there.

THE LESSON EXPLAINED

Time and Place—Sunday and Monday, April 2 and 3, A.D. 30 ; Jerusalem.

Connection—Jesus came to Bethany on Friday, March 31. The anointing of John 12 : 1-8 took place on Saturday evening, the Jewish Sabbath.

I. THE KING.—1-3. Drew nigh unto Jerusalem ; from Bethany, a village on the eastern slope of the Mount of Olives, two miles southeast of the city. Bethphage ; a neighboring village to Bethany.



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Unto ; Mark, "at." Mount of Olives ; a long ridge east of Jerusalem, separated from the city by the deep valley of the Kidron. Jesus sent two disciples (Rev. Ver.) ; perhaps by some short cut. The village over against you ; Bethphage, in full sight, though at some distance by the regular road. An ass... and a colt. The ass was an animal highly esteemed in the East. Loose... and bring ; without asking leave, so certain was Jesus that the owner, probably a friend of His, would not object.

If any man say aught (Rev. Ver.). Some questions were sure to be asked. The Lord hath need of them ; that the prophecy (see v. 4) "might be fulfilled." Straightway he will send them. It would seem that the people of this place knew Jesus so well, that they would at once understand His action, and offer no opposition.

4-7. Spoken by the prophet. See Isa. 62 : 11 ; Zech. 9 : 9. Daughter of Zion (Rev. Ver.) ; a title for the city and people of Jerusalem. Thy King cometh ; One who is to rule, not by force, but love, very different from the Roman or other conqueror whom the people had often dreaded. Meek... sitting upon an ass. The horse was used especially for war, but riding on an ass was the symbol of peace. Vs. 6, 7 tell of the disciples' carrying out of Jesus' bidding. Jesus rode on the colt, Mark 11 : 7.

II. THE CROWDS.—8-11. A very great multitude ; made up of people from the city and those who had followed Jesus from Bethany, John 12 : 16, 17. These spread their garments and strewed branches for a carpet before Jesus. Hosanna (Hebrew for "Save now"), etc. ; a kind of "holy hurrah" from Ps. 118 (v. 25). Son of David ; the Messiah, the promised heir of David's kingdom. Who is this ? A question that ran from lip to lip, through the whole city. Jesus... of Nazareth ; the wonderful Teacher and mighty Healer.

III. THE CLEANSING.—12-14. On Sunday evening Jesus went back to Bethany (Mark 11 : 11), returning to Jerusalem the next day (Mark 11 : 12, 15), when the cleansing of the temple (that is, the outer court, called "the court of Gentiles") took place. Sold and bought ; the oxen and sheep and wine and salt and oil required for sacrifices.