

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 Jeru'salem, and ¹were come to Beth'phage, unto the mount of Olives, 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 ²any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them ; and straightway he will send them.

4 ²All 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 ⁴sitting upon an ass, and ⁵a colt the foal of an ass.

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

7 And brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their ⁷clothes, and ⁸they set *him* thereon.

8 And ⁹a very great multitude spread their garments in the way ; others ¹⁰cut down branches from the trees, and ¹¹strawed *them* in the way.

9 And the multitudes that went before, ¹²and that followed, cried, saying, Hosan'na to the Son of Da'vid :

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

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 ¹⁰moved, saying, Who is this ?

11 And the ¹¹multitude said, This is ¹²Je'sus the prophet of Naz'areth of Galilee.

12 And Je'sus ¹²went 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 ¹³doves.

13 And ¹³said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called ¹⁴the house of prayer ; but ¹⁵ye have made it a den of ¹⁶thieves.

14 And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple ; and he healed them.

15 ¹⁵And when the chief priests and ¹⁶scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children ¹⁷crying in the temple, and saying, Hosan'na to the Son of Da'vid ; they were ¹⁸sore displeased.

16 And said unto him, Hearest thou what these ¹⁹say ? And Je'sus saith unto them, Yea ; ²⁰have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise ?

17 And he left them, and went ²¹out of the city ²²into Beth'an'y ; 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.