

Story 3 : The Triumphal Entry

Main Bible verse
[Mark 11:10]

"Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!"
"Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

The Passover holiday of Israel had arrived. The Passover reminded the Israelites of how God liberated them from slavery in Egypt under the leadership of Moses.

To celebrate the festival of the Passover, everyone gathered at the temple in Jerusalem. While many people went to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover, Jesus had another reason and He also went. Jesus said to his disciples. "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there. Untie it and bring it here.

If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' tell him, 'The Lord needs it.'"

The disciples brought the colt to Jesus, and when they placed their cloaks on it Jesus sat on the colt's back.

Jesus, the Son of the Most High God, entered Jerusalem in the lowest and most humble manner.

A very large crowd waved branches cut from palm trees and shouted: "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" Many people spread their cloaks on the road and greeted Jesus:

"Hosanna in the highest!" The people welcomed Jesus as if He were a king.

Jesus' disciples felt proud. But Jesus knew that the cheers of the crowd would not last forever.

Jesus thought of the kingdom of God, not of the glory of the world.

Jesus had entered Jerusalem to suffer on the cross on behalf of all sinners.

Jesus looked around Jerusalem as he entered the temple. When he arrived at the temple He was surprised that the temple was filled with merchants. Jesus spoke with fierce anger.

"My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations! But you have made it 'a den of robbers'!!" Jesus drove out those who were buying and selling from the temple. Meanwhile, the chief priests and the teachers of the law heard this and began looking for a way to kill him, because they were afraid of him.

The whole crowd was amazed by this teaching. They believed that interpreting and teaching the word of God was something only they had the power to do.



Activity 1.

Answer the following questions.

a. What holiday did they celebrate in Jerusalem?

b. What animal did the disciples bring?

c. How did the people receive Jesus when he entered Jerusalem?

- Read and memorize the Bible verse. (Mark 11:10)

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Activity 2

Look for 5 differences in the following pictures.

