



NEW LIFE KIDS

BIBLE LESSON

JESUS' TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

The Sunday before Easter is Palm Sunday—the day Jesus entered Jerusalem as the King of Kings the week of Passover. Many of God's people traveled to Jerusalem for Passover. Jesus and His disciples traveled to Jerusalem as well. Near Bethphage, (BETH fayj) and Bethany near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples ahead into a village to bring a donkey to Him.

Jesus made a spectacular entrance into the city. He rode the donkey, and people laid branches and their robes on the ground in front of Him. The people welcoming Jesus into Jerusalem believed He was the promised Messiah, but they expected Him to overthrow Roman oppression and set up an earthly throne. Jesus sent a different message.

The next day, Jesus entered the temple and turned over the tables of the moneychangers and those selling doves. Jesus referred to Isaiah 56:7, declaring that His kingship would not just be over the Jews but over all people. While Jesus was in the temple, He healed the blind and the lame. Jesus' actions declared, "I am not just your King; I am also your God" (Isa. 35:4-6).

Finally, the priests and the scribes heard the children in the temple worshiping Jesus as their King. "Do You hear what these children are saying?" they asked. Jesus replied, quoting Psalm 8:2. Jesus gladly received their praise because He was worthy of their praise. Jesus is the Son of God who came to overthrow sin and set up an eternal throne.

During Jesus' triumphal entry, the people welcomed Him as King. Jesus was the Messiah spoken about by the prophet Zechariah: "Look, your King is coming to you; He is righteous and victorious, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey" (Zechariah 9:9). One day, Jesus will return to earth on a white horse as King over everything. (Revelation 19:11)

As you prepare for and celebrate Easter, help your kids connect the dots between God's promises of a Messiah and Jesus' coming. Help them understand why Jesus came: to save the world from sin!

Check this session's Activity Page and Big Picture Card as well as the Gospel Project for Kids Family App for ways to interact with the Bible content this week.

FAMILY STARTING POINTS

BABIES + TODDLERS

- o Jesus is alive.
- o Jesus is God's Son.
- o God sent Jesus to earth because He loves us.
- o People praised Jesus as their King.

PRESCHOOL

- o Who saves us from our sin? Jesus saves us from sin.
- o People welcomed Jesus as their King

KIDS

- o Who saves us from our sin? Only Jesus saves us from our sin.
- o People welcomed Jesus to Jerusalem as their King.

UNIT KEY PASSAGE

JOHN 3:30

NEXT WEEK

“JESUS’ CRUCIFIXION AND RESURRECTION” (MATTHEW 26:36-28:10; JOHN 18:1-20:18)