



Lesson Title: The Triumphal Entry

Scripture Focus: Luke 19:36–38

The Lesson in Context

Some of the religious leaders were concerned Jesus was trying to destroy the Law, but Jesus clearly stated He came to fulfill the Law, not destroy it. (See Matthew 5:17.) The Jewish leaders had not fostered a pure relationship with God because many of them were corrupt and antagonistic toward Jesus—so caught up with the power of Rome, they neglected their purpose in God's kingdom. The Jews were called to be a light to the Gentiles. Their minds were set on a rescue operation from Roman oppression, and they gloated to think the Messiah would make Rome suffer.

We must remember why Jesus came to this earth. His mission was for us. From the manger to the grave, Jesus' purpose was to fulfill the Law and become the perfect sacrifice for our sins. In doing so, He would close the gap between the Garden of Eden (the site of the first sin) to the introduction of the new covenant. Let us lay down our coats and cloaks and pick up the palm branches and shout as the parade goes shouted: "Hosanna; Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord." He alone is our King and He is the only one worthy of our allegiance, our devotion, our worship.

Group Discussion

1. What part of a parade is your favorite? How do our parades compare to the triumphal entry of Jesus?
2. As we look at the Bible from beginning to end, how can we see the prophecies and their fulfillments are part of God's ultimate plan?
3. Given that God's covenants were given over a span of four thousand years, what do you think when you realize God remembered and kept His covenant the entire time?
4. If you feel comfortable, recount a dark time when you felt God's presence holding you up and seeing you through it.
5. How can we serve Jesus by honoring Him as the King of glory in practical ways today?

My Prayer for the Upcoming Week

How do you want to be different because of what you have experienced today?
