



Jesus, the King, will be exalted through suffering.

Lesson Summary

Long ago, the LORD delivered Israel out of Egypt through the blood of the Passover Lamb. As we are learning, the LORD was guiding them to their land where He could make them into a great nation and set up their Kingdom by sending them their special King, the true Image-Bearer, who would bless all the nations of the earth. However, Israel continued to be unfaithful to the LORD, even after going into the land, so the LORD did not give them victory over all of their enemies, but per the Law, He let their enemies rule over them yet again, as Egypt did formerly. Yet, there was still hope in the ultimate Passover Lamb who would come and deliver them from their enemies once and for all, the promised King Himself. Then, after a long wait, a man named Jesus about whom John the Baptist said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world," showed up on the scene. He rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, just as the prophet Zechariah said the coming King would do. Jesus was the King and the Passover Lamb. But remember, it is the blood of the Lamb that delivers Israel... So, before Jesus can rule, He must suffer and die. Jesus knew this as he rode into Jerusalem - that He was riding to His death, knowing ultimately that God would raise Him.

Story of the Bible Chart

Today, we put another piece on our story chart (but just for the next three weeks...)! **The Appearance of Messiah.** Have a student place the appropriate magnet at the top of the slanted line and tell the kids that today we see the true Image-Bearer ride into the story at the exact time God said He would come!



or



Story of the Bible Chart picture of the day:

THIS WEEK

LAST WEEK

IN TWO WEEKS



A New Generation
Numbers 16-36



The Entrance of the King
Easter 1



Crucifixion
Easter 2



LESSON INTRO

LESSON HIGHLIGHTS

Do you remember when God rescued His special people from slavery in Egypt so that they could go to their land and become a great nation?

With every plague that the LORD sent upon Egypt, the Pharaoh's heart was hardened and he refused to let Israel go – that is, until the last plague: the death of the firstborn.

God would take the life of the firstborns in all of Egypt, even from among His people. Therefore, God had instructed His people to **sacrifice a Lamb** and put the **blood of the Lamb** over their door so that the angel of death would see the blood and pass over their homes, sparing the firstborns inside.

So, God brought this plague upon all of Egypt, which was the final straw that made Pharaoh loosen His grip on God's people... Thus, Israel was delivered from Egypt by **trusting in the blood of the Passover Lamb**.

From that point on, the people of Israel were to celebrate the Passover in all generations as they awaited **the Messiah, the true Image-Bearer, who would be the ultimate Passover Lamb** who would deliver His people ultimately from sin and death.

This is the setting of our story the next few weeks leading up to Easter:

Almost 1500 years after the Lord passed over Israel on account of the blood of the Lamb, in John 12, The city of Jerusalem was bursting with people who had traveled to town to celebrate the Feast of the Passover. The people of Israel were gathering to celebrate this great feast once for yet another year to remind them how the LORD had rescued them from bondage in Egypt.

Even five days before Feast Day, people were packing the streets. When the crowds heard that **Jesus, the "Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world"** (according to John the Baptist), was coming, they lined the road on which He was arriving, and this is what happened next:

Lesson Outline

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LESSON OUTLINE

Easter 1



1. **The people lined the road and waved palm branches with cheers and shouts.**
 - a. The shout "Hosanna," which means "Save us," and "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD," which come from Psalm 118.
 - i. (READ PSALM 118) Psalm 118 emphasizes 3 things:
 1. The suffering of the Messiah.
 2. The victory of the Messiah following His suffering.
 3. The salvation of God's people through the Messiah.
 - ii. So, by shouting these things, the people are recognizing Jesus as the one from the Psalm who will suffer, but ultimately live, and who will ultimately save Israel.
 - iii. Where is this heading? – Jesus is going to be the sacrificial Lamb who will suffer to save God's people.

2. **Jesus entered into Jerusalem on a Donkey.**
 - a. This was in order to fulfill what the prophet Zechariah said.
 - i. "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your King is coming, seated on a donkey's colt." (Zechariah 9:9).
 - In Zechariah 9, this King would deliver Israel from their enemies, just like in the Exodus.
 - ii. So, by riding in on a donkey, Jesus is showing Himself to be Israel's promised and long-awaited King who will deliver them.

3. **Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem that day began the final week of His life, where He would suffer and die as the Passover Lamb and then be raised from the dead to one day return and save His people, Israel.**
 - a. This day was a very special day in history that was foretold in Psalm 118, "***This is the day that the LORD has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it.***"
 - b. Jesus willingly chose to ride toward His suffering and death, knowing He would be raised bodily from the dead to deliver His people.



Lesson Questions

Use these questions to teach or to review this week's lesson.

Ages 3-5

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Save Us
2. **What Psalm did the people quote as they waived palm branches?**
Psalm 118
3. **According to Psalm 118, what must happen to Jesus before He is exalted?**
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4. **What animal did Jesus ride into Jerusalem on?**
A Donkey
5. **What scripture was fulfilled by Jesus riding on a donkey?**
Zechariah 9:9
6. **According to Zechariah, who will ride in on a donkey? What does that mean for Jesus?**
The King of Israel, the true Image-Bearer. Jesus is the promised King.

Grades 1-6

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4. **According to Psalm 118, what is the day the LORD has made that Israel should rejoice in?**
The day of Messiah's suffering.
5. **Why should Israel rejoice in Messiah's suffering?**
Because His suffering would be for their sins, and after His suffering would come His exaltation.
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9. **According to Zechariah, what will this King (Jesus) do?**
Deliver the people from their enemies, just as they were once delivered from Egypt.