

# THE PERSON AND LIFE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

## Lesson Eight

### *THE ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST*

Scripture reading: Luke 19:29-20:44

#### **Burden to Impart:**

*Having finished His ministry in Galilee, the Lord Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, to finish the most important part of His ministry; to suffer and die upon the cross for the sins of the whole world and to be raised from the dead so that He could be our Savior and give us His life.*

**Memory Verse:** From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised on the third day" (Matthew 12:21).

#### **Facts to Teach:**

1. After ministering for 3 1/2 years the time came for the Lord Jesus to make His last journey to Jerusalem to keep the Passover feast, and to be the Passover Lamb. On the way, the Lord told His disciples at least three times that He was going up to Jerusalem to suffer, to die, and to be raised from the dead (Matt. 16:21). This was not an accident but something planned by God.
2. When Jesus began to enter Jerusalem He rode on a donkey's colt. This shows His humility. Any earthly king would exalt himself and make a big show with white horses, chariots, trumpets, etc. Even though the Lord Jesus did not do this, the multitude still recognized Him as the Son of David (Matt. 21:9), the King, with rejoicing, praising God. They cut down palm branches to lay on the road and strewed their garments on the highway (Matt. 21:8) to show Him honor.
3. The Lord went to the temple and exhibited His authority as the King and Son of God by cleansing the temple, throwing out the money changers, overturning their tables, and chasing out the animals they were selling for profit. He was righteously angry and jealous for God's house. He told them, "... My house shall be called a house of prayer, but you are making it a den of robbers" (Matt. 21:13).
4. He was tested by the religious leaders (the Pharisees and Sadducees), lawyers, and political zealots (the Herodians). They asked Him many crafty questions hoping that they could find something from His answer as ground to accuse Him, but they could find nothing. After He perfectly answered every question and passed every one of their tests, He asked them one question, "Whose Son is He [the Christ]?" (Matt. 22:42). They could not answer His question, for they did not know the Scriptures, nor did they know that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of the living God. After this they dared not ask Him any more questions. In their evil hearts of jealousy and envy they secretly plotted how to do away with Jesus and have Him killed.

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Songs for Lesson Eight

***THE LORD'S ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM***

**Tune: *Hymns*, #1008.**

G D G  
Jesus, Jesus, what a King!  
D<sup>7</sup> G  
Riding on a lowly donkey.  
D G  
O, Hosanna, bless'd is He!  
D<sup>7</sup> G  
Riding on a lowly donkey.  
D G  
Oh, how our praises ring!  
D G D G  
Lord, how we love to sing,  
D G  
"Honor the lowly King,  
D<sup>7</sup> G  
Riding on a lowly donkey."

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(Story for lesson 8)

## HIS ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM

Memory verse: From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised on the third day.

Matthew 16:21

The Lord Jesus and His disciples were coming into Jerusalem. This was the last week on this earth for our Lord before He was crucified. He was coming to Jerusalem to be the Lamb of God for the great sacrifice. The time had come and He was ready. All of His life on earth He had been preparing for this, to die upon the cross as the Lamb of God for the sins of the whole world. He was really the King of all the earth.

Long before, the prophets had said that the King would enter Jerusalem riding on a lowly donkey. The Lord's disciples knew this, and that He was the true King. So when He told them to go to a certain place and untie a little colt and bring it to Him, they did just that. There was no trouble from anyone, not even from the colt who was a baby donkey standing by his mother. No other colt his age would follow a stranger or even much, much less, to let someone ride on his new back. But Jesus was the Master of all creation and this colt obeyed in every way.

Crowds began to come. They wanted Him to be their King. He was kind to all. He had healed them and had fed to many. They knew He loved them. Also their love and excitement was real. They threw their jackets and branches down for the colt and Master to ride over. Many people hailed Him loudly as their King. They shouted, "Hosanna" and, "Blessed" and gave Him much praise.

Such noise and cheering brought the priests out from the temple. They were angry and jealous, even insisting that the people be quiet. They could not stand for the people to call Him King. Jesus told them that if the people would be silent and not praise God, then the stones would cry aloud! This was the time to cry out, to shout, to praise God and rejoice! The King was coming!

However, in order for the Lord Jesus to truly be their King, the Triune God had planned that the Lord Jesus must first die as the perfect, sinless Lamb of God. Although He Himself had no sin, He had to put away the sin of the whole world. Then He could be the King and Lord of all the universe. At that time when they were journeying to Jerusalem, even the holy place, the Temple, was full of wickedness. So our Lord went there first. He used a whip to chase out the money changers and He turned their tables over. The Lord loved what was right and hated what was wrong. He told the wicked people who were corrupting the worship of God that they had made His Father's house of prayer into a den of robbers. He was truly a righteous King, full of zeal and love for God's house.