

SHARE THE BIBLE LESSON

WEEK 20

Jesus enters Jerusalem

Luke 19:28–44



DAY 1

Jesus planned to enter as King • Luke 19:28–34

READ

Luke 19:28–34

EXPLAIN

The truth of Luke 19:28–34

Jesus planned the timing of His entrance. He had recently traveled south from Galilee (Mark 10:1), but He still waited for just the right time. After confronting the rich young ruler (Matt 19:16–26), healing two blind men (20:29–34), and raising Lazarus from the dead (John 11), Jesus stayed away from the murderous Pharisees and eager crowds (11:53–56). But now He made Himself known in Bethany (12:9), just in time to be the final Passover Lamb (1 Cor 5:7). His entrance into Jerusalem fits the timing of Daniel’s prophecy (Dan 9:26), and it came on the day when families brought Passover lambs into their homes (Exod 12:3). Jesus also planned the details of His entrance. He sent two disciples to get a donkey, and everything happened exactly as Jesus said. But why a donkey? By choosing a donkey colt that had never been ridden, Jesus was publically identifying Himself as the *Messiah, the promised King who would bring Israel prosperity and peace from its enemies* (Gen 49:10–12; Zech 9:9–17).

ASK

1. Why did Jesus publically claim to be the promised king?
He did this so that He would be rejected and killed at just the right time.
2. What did Jesus ride on?
A donkey colt.
3. Why did Jesus choose to ride a donkey colt?
To show that He was the Messiah about whom Zechariah prophesied about (Zech 9:9).
4. Why was His entrance at just the right time?
It was the time prophesied by Daniel (Dan 9:26), and it was the day the Passover lambs came into families’ homes (Exod 12:3).

DISCUSS

1. Was Jesus’ rejection and death a surprise or an accident (Acts 2:23; 4:27–28)?
2. Why was Jesus the final Passover Lamb (Exod 12:1–14; 1 Cor 5:7; Rom 6:10; Heb 9:24–28)?

DAY 2

Jesus entered as King • Luke 19:35–38

READ

Luke 19:28–44

EXPLAIN

The truth of Luke 19:35–38

Jesus entered Jerusalem like a king. As He rode from Bethany, He crested the ridge called the Mount of Olives. Looking straight ahead across the Kidron Valley, Jesus and His followers would have seen the temple mount with its gleaming white limestone, and perched on top, Herod's magnificent temple, flashing gold in the sun. On the other side, people on the temple mount in Jerusalem for the Passover would have heard the shouts of praise and looked across to see the crowd streaming down the ridge. As the crowd of followers flowed down the Mount of Olives, another crowd poured out of Jerusalem's eastern gate to meet them (John 12:12). They brought palm branches, a symbol to honor a victorious king (12:13). They welcomed Him as their Messiah (Ps 118:26). They called Him "King" and recited Psalm 118, the last song sung at Passover, for they believed the time of their redemption had come. They cried out, "**Hosanna!**" which means "give salvation now" (John 12:13). They welcomed Jesus "in the name of the Lord," as a king coming with God's full authority. They said "Peace in heaven," for they believed God was about to give rest to Jerusalem.

ASK

1. Why were there so many people to celebrate Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem?
Many had come for the Passover. There were perhaps over 2 million people there.
2. What did Jesus' followers call Him?
King.
3. Besides calling Him King, how else did the crowds welcome Jesus as the Messiah?
They showed honor and submission by laying their robes on the road under Him. They quoted Psalm 118:26 about the Messiah. They said "Hosanna," celebrating salvation. And they brought palm branches, a sign of honor for a victorious king.

DISCUSS

1. What are some things people do today to welcome a king or an important person?
2. What does it look like for you to honor Jesus as your king?

DAY 3

Jesus was rejected as King • Luke 19:39–40

READ

Luke 19:28–44

EXPLAIN

The truth of Luke 19:39–40

This celebration was exactly what the Pharisees had been afraid of after Jesus caused such a stir over Lazarus (John 11:45, 48). If the people made Jesus their king against Rome, Rome might take control and leave the religious leaders powerless. So they had planned to kill Jesus (11:53, 57), but now that they had found Him, they could not kill Him because of the cheering

crowds. All they could do was beg Jesus to stop them. But Jesus refused, for two reasons. First, His disciples were right to honor Him, for He really was the Messiah, as even nature knows (Isa 55:12). Second, Jesus was prodding the Pharisees to kill Him. When Jesus said, "The very stones would cry out," He recalled Habakkuk's condemnation of Babylon. Babylon had built their houses from the spoil of people they had brutally conquered, so "the stone [cried] out from the wall" as a witness against them (Hab 2:11). Likewise, the stones of Jerusalem would cry out against the Jews as a witness that they had unjustly killed their King.

DAY 3 CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE

ASK 

1. Why couldn't the religious leaders kill Jesus as planned?
They were afraid of the cheering crowds who welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem.
2. So what did the religious leaders ask Jesus to do?
Make His followers stop calling Him king.
3. Why did Jesus refuse?
His disciples were right to honor Him, for He really was the Messiah. Second, Jesus was prodding the Pharisees to kill Him.
4. What did Jesus say would cry out if His disciples were silent?
The stones.

DISCUSS 

1. Why were the religious leaders afraid of Jesus becoming king?
2. Why do people today not want Jesus to be their king?

DAY 4**Jesus declared judgment as King • Luke 19:41–44****READ** 

Luke 19:28–44

EXPLAIN **The truth of Luke 19:41–44**

While the crowd celebrated, Jesus wept. They would reject Jesus because they missed the requirement for real peace: soft hearts (Ps 95:7–8), confession of sin (Ps 32:6), repentance (Ezek 18:31–32), seeking the Lord (Isa 55:6), and obedience (Isa 48:18). They did not realize that this was the “time of your **visitation**” (Luke 19:44). They did not realize that Zechariah’s prophecy was about the LORD Himself appearing (Zech 9:14). So instead of salvation (Zech 9:16), God’s presence would bring severe judgment. About forty years later, in AD 70, Jesus’ prediction came true. The Romans built siege walls around Jerusalem, then they broke in and crushed the city and its people. The siege was horrible, with starvation leading even to cannibalism. The slaughter that followed was even worse. To prevent Jerusalem from rebelling again, the Romans tumbled the temple stones into the valleys surrounding the temple mount, and any walls left standing were finally leveled after one last rebellion sixty-five years later. As Jesus said, when the crowd stopped praising Him, the stones cried out in judgment.

ASK 

1. What did Jesus do while the crowd rejoiced?
Jesus wept.
2. Why did Jesus weep?
Jesus knew that the Jews, and especially Jerusalem, were about to suffer greatly.
3. Why were the Jews going to have pain instead of peace?
The leaders rejected Him, and even the crowds did not know what would bring peace: soft hearts, confession of sin, repentance, seeking God, and obedience.
4. Did Jesus’ prediction come true?
Yes. About forty years later, the Romans built siege walls around Jerusalem, then they broke in and crushed the city and its people.

DISCUSS 

1. Have you ever seen someone crying while everyone else is celebrating? What caused their sorrow?
2. What will happen to all those who do not take Jesus as their king (Rev 20:15)?

DAY 5

They will look upon Him whom they pierced • Zechariah 12:10

READ

Zechariah 12:1-14

EXPLAIN

The truth of Zechariah 12:10

Jesus wept for Jerusalem because His love is faithful. One day Israel will repent and welcome their Messiah (Matt 23:39; Luke 21:24). When they finally find peace with God through faith in Jesus Christ (Rom 5:1), all Israel will be saved (11:26). Yet even that salvation will come through heart-wrenching grief, when Israel realizes what they have done to their Messiah (Zech 12:10) and how many millions of their people have perished as a result. In that day, God will save Israel by pouring out His Spirit, whom Zechariah identifies as “a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy.” God’s Spirit will produce within the people a godly sorrow when they look upon the One they have pierced: Jesus. They will recognize that Jesus—the One whom they rejected and crucified (Isa 53:5)—was truly their Messiah. They will confess that they crucified their King. They will acknowledge that they murdered their God. And this deep sorrow will lead to their repentance as they look to Jesus for salvation. God is gracious, but the longer you wait before taking Jesus as King, the more sorrow you will cause.

ASK

1. Why did Jesus weep for Israel?
Because His love is faithful.
2. Will Israel one day repent and welcome their Messiah?
Yes. In the future, all Israel will be saved.
3. Why will Israel’s salvation come through great sorrow?
They will realize what they have done to their Messiah.
4. How will Israel be saved?
They will look to Jesus, the One whom they pierced, trusting Him for salvation.

DISCUSS

1. Jesus wept for those who were rejecting Him (Luke 19:41). How do you feel about your enemies?
2. How long will Israel’s rejection last (Rom 11:25-27)?

NEXT WEEK

Jesus teaches the parable of landowner

Mark 12:1-12





Welcome

Give the children some streamers and blowers and instruct them to be ready to welcome a special guest whom you have invited. Have one of the teachers come in dressed up as an Israelite. After thanking the class for their warm welcome he can tell them about the day he part of this massive crowd of people who welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem as their king. He can show them some palm branches and cloaks to show what they used instead of streamers. He can also explain what the crowds were shouting and what it meant. Then have the man's countenance change as he hangs his head in sorrow, "If only..." After the man leaves the teacher can ask the children if they know what had upset the man so much. He had left saying, "if only." Explain that "if only" the crowds had really meant what they said—then they would never have crucified the Lord only a few days later. Like them, we need to really love Jesus rather than just say nice things with out lips.



Can You Hear It?

In a parade, we often focus on all the sights, but what about the sounds? Divide the class into different groups, each having their own sound to make: the clip-clop of a donkey, the swoosh of palm branches, the clapping of hands, the shouting of praises, the murmuring of the Pharisees, etc. As you retell the story, allow each group to participate by making their sound at the appropriate time.

Praise and Worship

Bless His Holy Name

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Majesty

PRACTICE THE TRUTH

"That they may set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments." —Psalm 78:7

Choose ideas from this section that review and apply the truths of the Bible lesson.

Enhanced Coloring Page

After coloring the page, have the children glue cutouts of shirts and palm leaves.



"Bringing the Donkey and Colt to Jesus"

Materials: copies of "Bringing the Donkey and Colt to Jesus" craft pages, crayons, glue, 10" piece of yarn, and scissors

Directions: Give each student a copy of the base sheet (with holes already punched where indicated, and slits cut along the lines), one donkey, and one strip. Instruct them to color the donkeys and the tree. Then have them fold the strip along the dotted lines and set it aside. The students can then pull the yarn through the holes going from the front to the back and back through the front. Insert the folded strip through the slits and glue it to itself to keep from unfolding. (the strip should slide back and forth) Have students glue the donkeys to the slider so that they can slide across the page. Tie the yarn loosely around the necks of the donkeys.



“What Were They Saying”

Materials: copies of “What Were They Saying” craft page, scissors, glue, crayons
Directions: Give each child a copy of the craft page. Have them cut off the bottom strip and then cut out each word balloon. Have them color the face and then glue the word balloons around the face.



“Palm Branch”

Materials: copies of “Palm Branch” on green paper, scissors, glue
Give the students copies of the “Palm Branch” craft page. Have them cut out the palm branch and verse. Then have them glue the verse to the palm branch.



“Triumphal Entry Scene”

Materials: copies of “Triumphal Entry Scene,” construction paper, scissors, glue, and crayons
Directions: Color and cut out the pieces from the “Triumphal Entry Scene” craft page and glue them to a blank piece of construction paper.



“Jesus’ triumphal entry”

Use this worksheet to reinforce the key truths of today’s lesson. The worksheet is located at the back of the lesson.

Coloring Pages

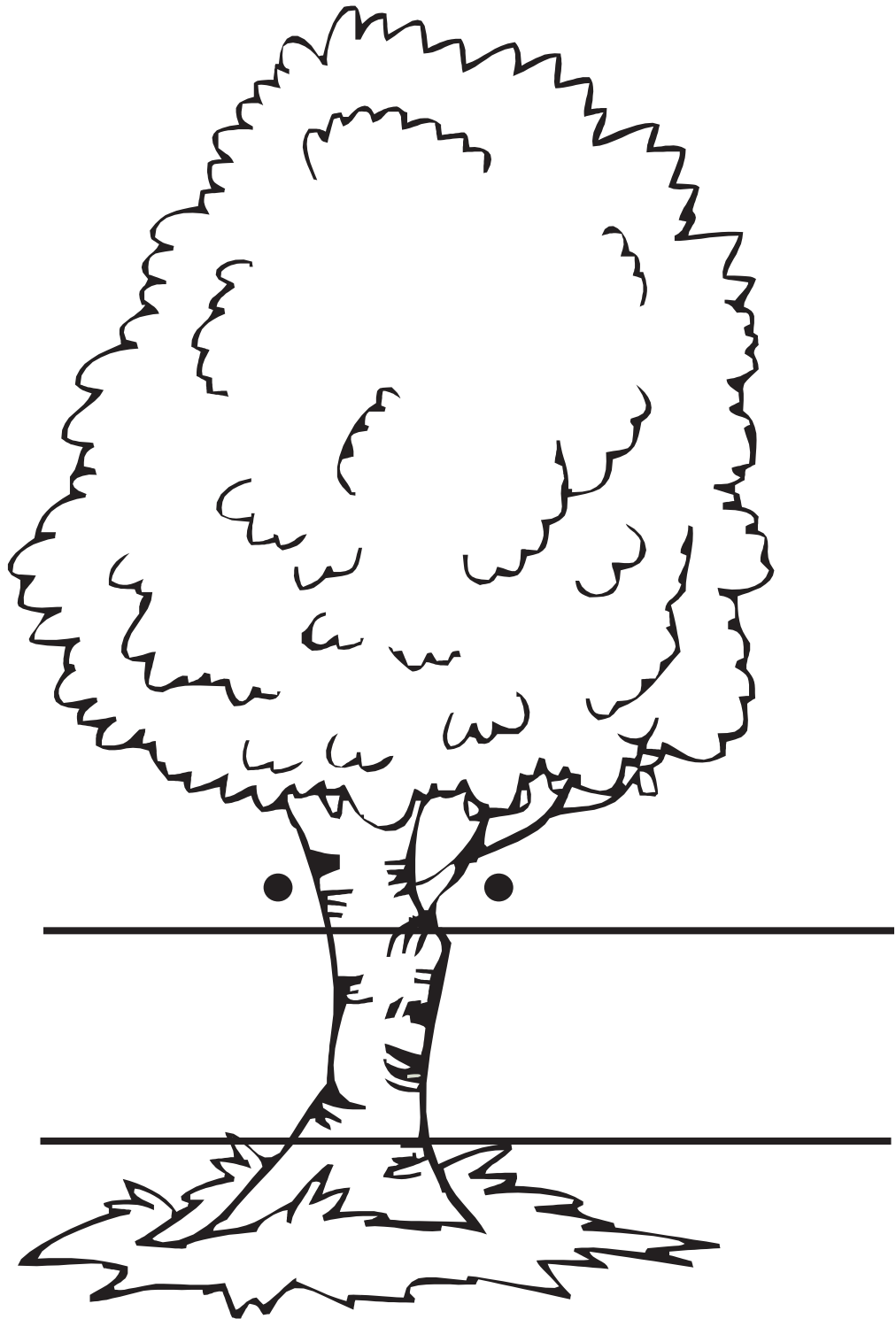
Give each child a copy of the coloring pages at the back of the lesson. He or she can color the pages in class or take them home to color.



MEMORY VERSE

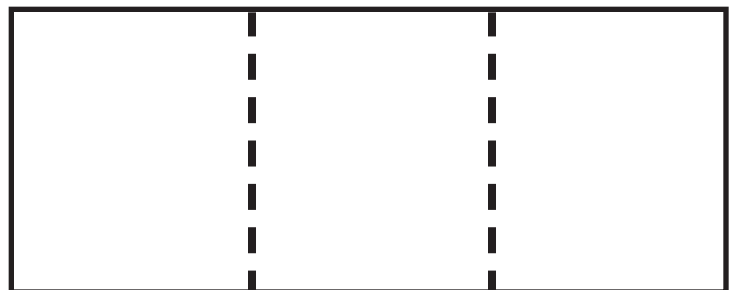
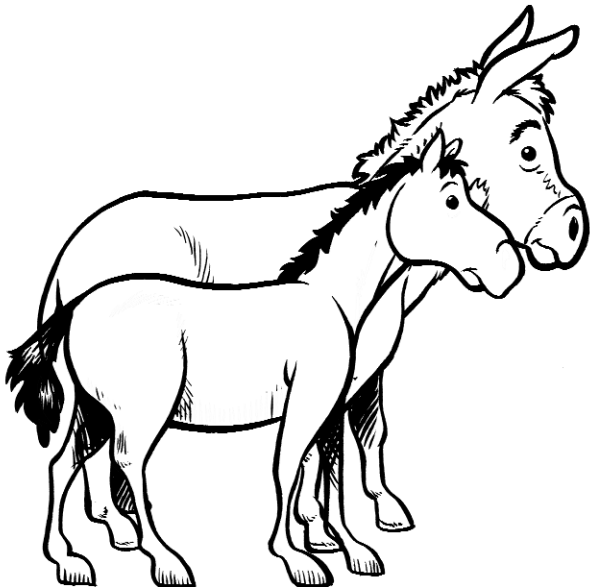
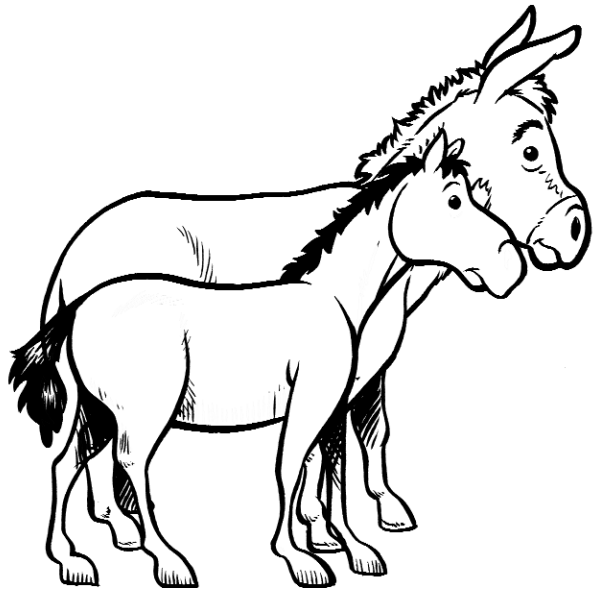
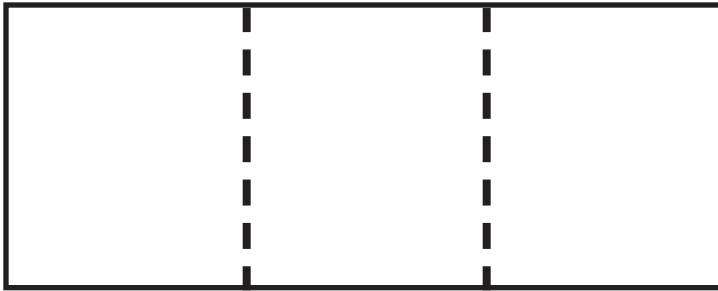
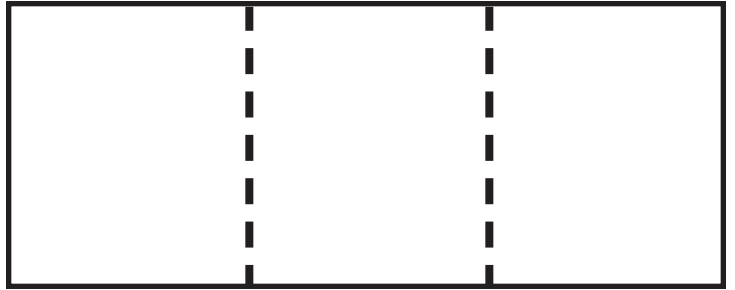
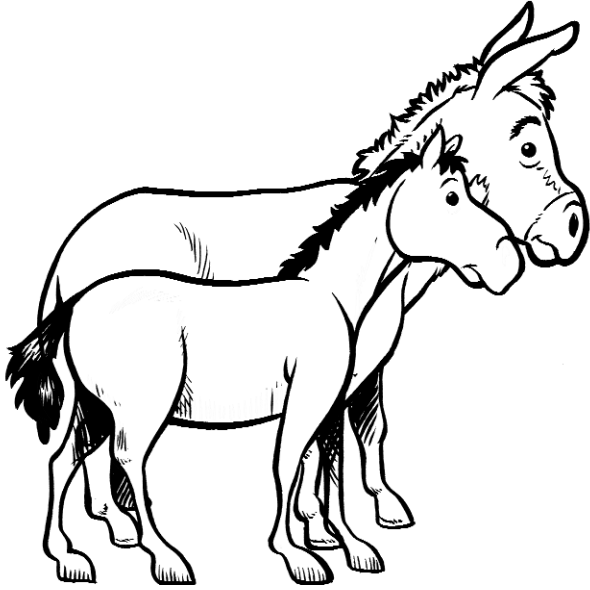
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Bringing the Donkey and Colt to Jesus



Jesus said to two of His disciples, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose them and bring them to me" (Matt. 21:2).




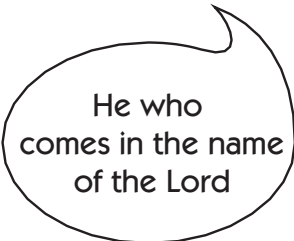
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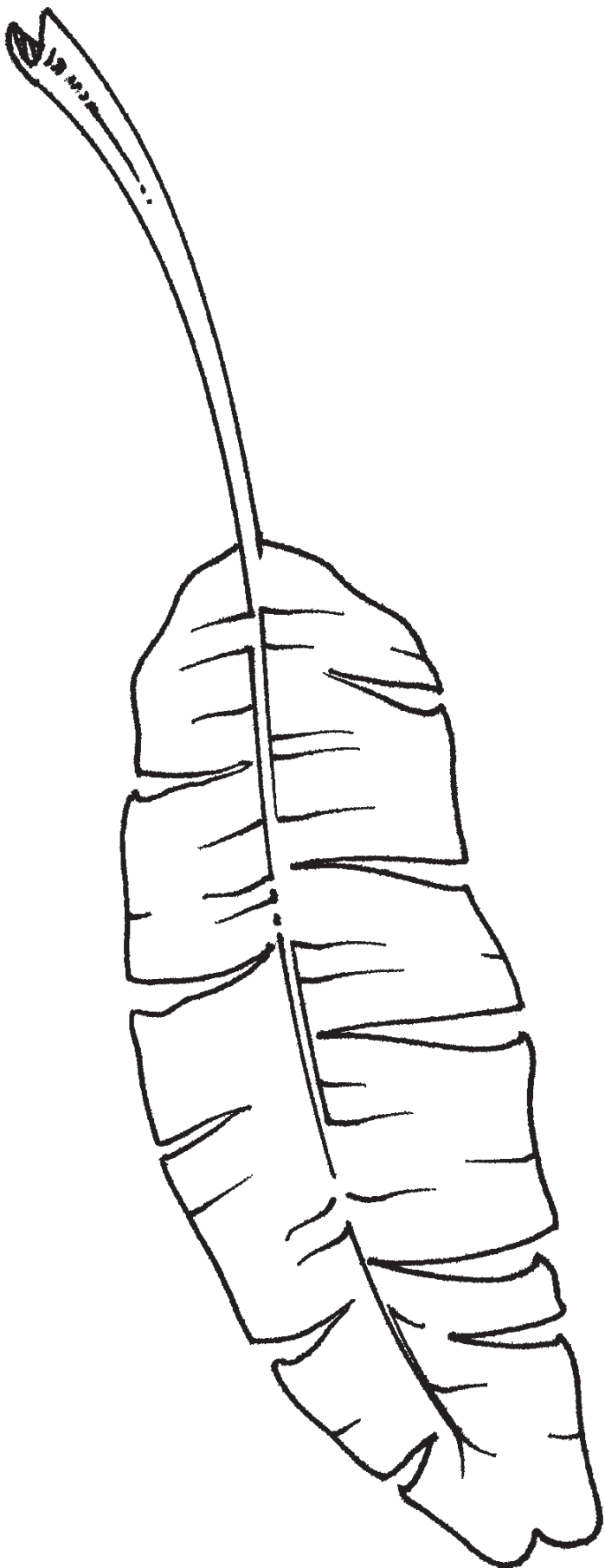
What Were They Saying?



Matthew 21:9

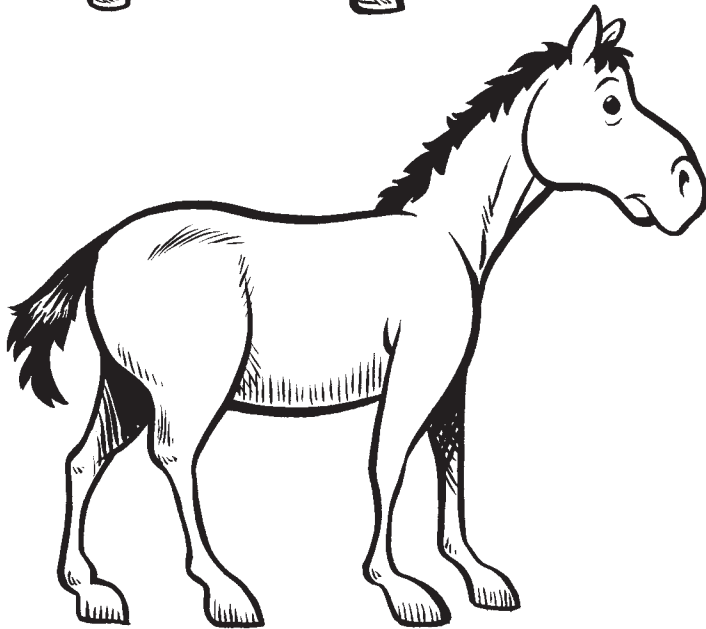
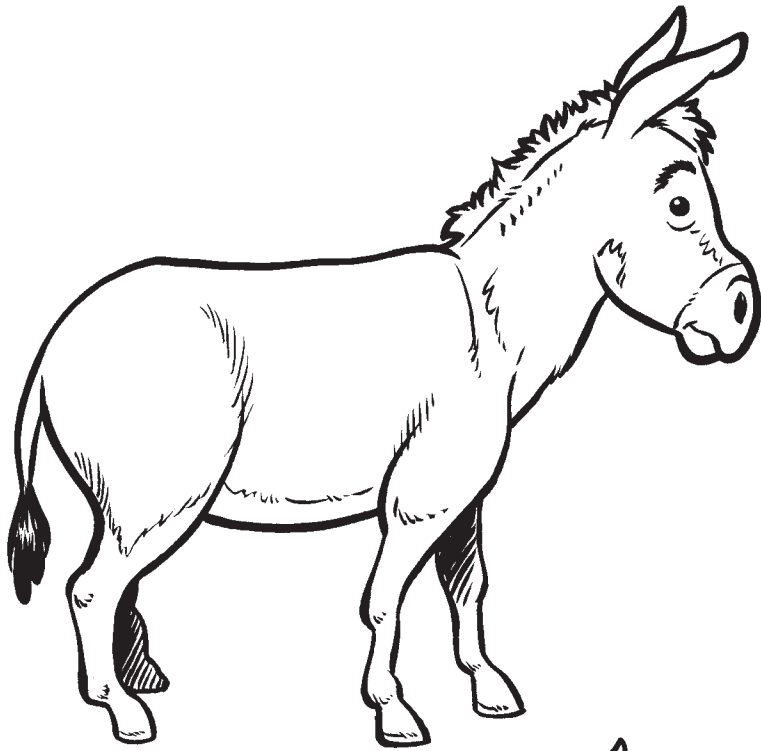
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Palm Branch



"Hosanna to the Son of David! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' Hosanna in the highest!" —Matthew 21:8

Triumphal Entry Scene



Jesus'

triumphal
entry



Matthew 21:1-11

Name _____

1. What did the multitude do before Jesus arrived in Jerusalem? _____
 - a. spread garments on the road
 - b. cut palm branches
 - c. sang
 - d. all of the above

2. What did the crowds cry out in Matthew 21:9?
“ _____ to the Son of David! ‘ _____ is He who comes in the name of the _____!’ Hosanna in the _____.”

3. What did Jesus tell the disciples to go find? _____

4. True or False: Jesus rode a colt into Jerusalem to fulfill prophecy. _____

5. The crowd was moved and asked, “ _____ ” (21:10).

6. Who did the crowds say Jesus was? _____



**“Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying:
‘Hosanna to the Son of David! “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!”
‘Hosanna in the highest!’” —Matthew 21:9**