

Sixth Sunday in Lent/Palm Sunday

Lectionary Title 17: **Entry to Jerusalem**

Nursery/Kindergarten/Younger Elementary Levels

## Jesus Enters Jerusalem

(Based on Mark 11:1-10)

It is almost Passover. Jesus wants to celebrate it. He tells his disciples that they will go to the temple in Jerusalem. He asks two disciples to get a donkey.



“Go into the village. You will find a tied donkey. Untie it and bring it to me.”

The disciples obey Jesus. In the village, they find a tied donkey just as Jesus said. As they are untying the donkey, some people ask them, “Why do you untie the donkey?”

“The Lord needs it,”  
They answer. “We will  
return it later.”

So the disciples  
bring the donkey to  
Jesus.



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Jesus rides on the donkey. He starts to go to the Temple. Some people see Jesus coming. They tell others about it, "Jesus is coming. Jesus is coming."

Many people hear about it. They run to greet Jesus. As they see Jesus coming, they remove their cloaks and put them on the road. Some hold palm branches and wave them at Jesus. They shout joyfully, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna! Save us!"

It is indeed a joyous occasion!

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Answer these questions in writing, orally or in action. You can copy your answers from the story.

1. What celebration is about to happen in Jerusalem?

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2. Who wanted to go to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover?\_\_\_\_\_

3. Who do you think asked Jesus to go to Jerusalem? What kind of a man is Jesus? Answer this orally.

4. What did he ask his disciples to get?

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5. Did the disciples find the donkey? What did they do?

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6. When asked by the people why they got the donkey, what did the disciples reply? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Why do you think Jesus asked for a donkey and not a horse?

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8. What did the people do when they saw Jesus coming and riding on a donkey? Show this in action.

9. Why do you think the people did that?

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10. What did the people shout?" Answer this orally.

11. What does hosanna mean? Answer this orally.

12. Why do you think the people shouted "Hosanna"?

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13. If Jesus is coming today, how will you welcome him? Why do you think Jesus can save us? Answer this orally.

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Middle Elementary /Older Elementary Levels

## **Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem**

(Based on Mark 11:1-10)



Narrator: When Jesus came close to Jerusalem, he wanted to celebrate the Passover. He also obeyed what God wanted him to do. He calls his two disciples.

Jesus: Go to the next village. You will find a donkey that is tied. Untie it and bring it to me.

Disciples: Yes, Jesus.

Village men: Why are you untying the donkey?

Disciples: The Lord needs it.

Narrator: The villagers did not stop the disciples. The disciples brought the donkey to Jesus. They laid clothes on the donkey and set Jesus on top of it. Jesus rode on it and went to Jerusalem.



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People in Jerusalem: Is that Jesus coming to Jerusalem? Come,, let us tell the others that Jesus is coming.

Narrator: Many people came. Some went before Jesus and some followed Jesus. They put their cloaks on the road where Jesus passed. Some brought palm leaves. They waved their leaves and shouted.

People in Jerusalem: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Narrator: The people were happy. They welcomed their king. They knew that Jesus loves them. They made a grand parade.

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Answer these questions orally.

1. What are the two reasons why Jesus decided to go to Jerusalem?
2. What do you think God wanted Jesus to do?
3. Why do you think being obedience and humility were shown by Jesus when he entered Jerusalem?
4. Why do you think Jesus told his disciples to tell the village men that he needed the donkey?
5. Why is the triumphal entry of Jesus significant?
6. If Jesus is coming today, how will you welcome him? What will you say? Why?
7. Which of the following sentences do you agree with? Explain your answers.
  - a. Jesus went to Jerusalem to establish God's reign and because of this, the powerful wanted to kill him.
  - b. The people considered him as their awaited king but they were expecting a different type of king. But they welcomed him just the same.
  - c. Jesus is our messiah who suffered and died so that we can be saved.
  - d. We can follow Jesus as the King of our lives at present and in the future.

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**Youth Level**

1. Answer these questions orally.
  1. Why is it necessary for Jesus to go to Jerusalem? How is it related to the 26th verse of Psalm 118?
  2. Why did Jesus ask for a donkey instead of a mighty horse?
  3. How did Jesus manifest his being a suffering servant when he entered Jerusalem?
  4. What could Jesus have felt when he knew that in obeying God, he would be in harm's way?
  5. Would it make a difference if Jesus decided otherwise? Would he still be saving the world? What could happen to humankind if Jesus disobeyed God?
2. Share an experience when you struggle to obey God because of the sacrifice that result from your decisions. Tell how you managed to persevere and eventually succeeded in obeying God. Answer: "Have you had any second thoughts of quitting and leave everything behind?"
3. Debate. Find your group and decide if you stand for the affirmative or the negative side: Is Jesus being a suffering servant necessary to achieve salvation for all?
4. Simulate a TV program and prepare an evening report of the contextualized triumphal entry of Jesus to Jerusalem using a news format. Decide which of these tasks you can be involved.
  - a. news scriptwriter
  - b. anchor person
  - c. camera person
  - d. field reporter
  - e. news director
  - f. part of the audience

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**Adult Level**

1. Answer these questions orally.
  - a. How are the OT and NT texts related?
  - b. Why do you think Jesus' entry to Jerusalem was his defining moment as the Messiah?
  - c. Jesus knew that in entering Jerusalem, he is obeying God. How did this decision of Jesus show that he is the suffering servant?
  - d. What is the significance of using a donkey instead of a horse?
  - e. Jesus submitted his trust in God and obeyed God completely. How can people obey God today?
  - f. If Jesus chose to disobey God and did not accept his death, what could happen to us?
2. Debate. "Is Jesus' entry to Jerusalem victorious or not?" Find your group.
3. Share your thoughts if Jesus would come now. Ask yourself what you will prepare, what you will say, and what you will do.