



# THE CRUCIFIXION, PART 1

## *The Road to the Cross*

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### Lesson 1

## THE ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM

**Scripture to be studied:** Matthew 21:1-17; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:28-44; John 12:12-19; Psalm 118:26; Zechariah 9:9.

**The aim of the lesson:** Seek to lead your students to understand that the Lord Jesus Christ waits for each individual to recognize and receive Him as Saviour and King.

**What your students should know:** Someday the Lord Jesus will return to earth and reign as King. Until then He desires to rule the heart of each believer.

**What your students should feel:** A desire to let the Lord Jesus Christ rule their hearts and minds.

**What your students should do:** Give the Lord Jesus the right to control their lives.

**Lesson outline (for the teacher's and students' notebooks):**

1. Jesus prepares to enter Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-6; Mark 11:1-6; Luke 19:28-34).
2. Crowds of people praise Jesus (Matthew 21:7-9; Mark 11:7-10; Luke 19:35-40; John 12:12-19).
3. Jesus weeps over Jerusalem (Luke 19:41-44; Matthew 21:10-11).
4. Jesus rebukes the Jewish leaders (Matthew 21:12-17; Mark 11:11).

**The verse to be memorized:**

*For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many.* (Mark 10:45)

### THE LESSON

For hundreds of years the people of Israel (known as Israelites or Jews) had been waiting for One to come from God—One who would be their King. God had caused the prophet Isaiah to predict that the coming One would sit upon the throne and rule the kingdom of Israel. (See Isaiah 9:6-7.) God had the Psalmist write another prophecy about the One who would come: “He will have dominion also from sea to sea . . . Yea, all kings will fall down before Him: all nations will serve Him” (Psalm 72:8, 11).

The Jewish people knew that God would keep His promise. What they did not grasp was that before the promised One would rule His Kingdom, He had to suffer and die as a sacrifice

### NOTE TO THE TEACHER

It is interesting to observe that about one-third of all that is recorded in the first four books of the New Testament has to do with the events surrounding the death of Christ. While we cannot completely cover all the details, we shall use this volume and the next to try to be as thorough as possible.

One of the fascinating studies of Scripture is fulfilled prophecy. Many of the details up to and including the death of Christ were clearly foretold in the Old Testament. We shall see how some of those prophecies were fulfilled.

In this lesson we see a prophecy fulfilled when Jesus entered into Jerusalem riding on a donkey colt. Although Jesus offered Himself as King of Israel that day, He was rejected. Because He had known His people would reject Him, He told them they would be punished. Their beautiful capital city (Jerusalem), He said, would be completely destroyed. (See Luke 19:43-44.) And it was! (Titus and his Roman army destroyed it in the year AD 70.)

As Jerusalem was punished for rejecting Him, so there is punishment for the sinner who rejects Him: eternal separation from God.

for the sins of all people everywhere. It seems strange they did not understand this, for that He should suffer was foretold as clearly as the fact that He would be King. In the next volume of lessons we shall learn some of the Scriptures that prophesied His suffering. (*Teacher:* You may want to discuss briefly two of these prophecies: Psalm 22:1-21; Isaiah 53:7-9.)

Because God has all knowledge, He knew exactly how the Jewish people would respond to the Lord Jesus when He offered Himself to be their King. Here is what happened:

### 1. JESUS PREPARES TO ENTER JERUSALEM

Matthew 21:1-6; Mark 11:1-6; Luke 19:28-34

The Lord Jesus and His disciples left the town of Bethany where they had been visiting. They walked along the road that