

The Story of Jesus: His Entry into Jerusalem

(Lesson 71)

Introduction:

1. The apostle Peter concluded his second letter with an appeal to grow in the knowledge of Christ (2 Peter 3:18).
2. This growth is accomplished by complying with the Lord's appeal to "*Search the Scriptures*" (John 5:39).
3. This lesson is a study of passages that teach us about the Lord's entry into Jerusalem.
4. Although this special event is recorded in all 4 Gospel accounts, . . .

Discussion:

I. LET US FIRST READ MATTHEW'S ACCOUNT (21:1-11)

- A. We learn from vs.4-5 that this event fulfilled an Old Testament prophecy (Zechariah 9:9).
 1. Zechariah served as a prophet with Haggai.
 2. As we study their books we must keep in mind that they encouraged the Jews to finish rebuilding the temple after their captivity in Babylon (Ezra 4:24-5:2).
 3. In his book, Zechariah also prophesied about the coming of Christ.
 - a. In addition to being King, he would also be a Priest (6:13).
 - b. His price would be 30 pieces of silver (11:12).
 - c. The 30 pieces of silver would be cast to the potter (11:13).
- B. As Jesus fulfilled Zechariah's prophecy, :
 1. great multitudes of people were present
 2. the people rejoiced and offered praise (Luke 2:13-14)
 3. He demonstrated His meekness (Matthew 11:29)
 4. the religious leaders showed contempt (Matthew 21:15-16).

II. LET US ALSO READ THE OTHER ACCOUNTS

- A. Mark 11:1-11
- B. Luke 19:28-40
- C. John 12:12-16

III. LET US MAKE THREE OBSERVATIONS

- A. The fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy is a strong source of evidence proving that Jesus is the Son of God.
- B. The Lord's entry into Jerusalem was a special event for those who recognized Him and were waiting for Him -- the same can be said about His return in the future (2 Thessalonians 1:10).
- C. The Lord had need of the donkey and its colt to accomplish God's plan -- He needs followers today who will use their talents faithfully in His service (Matthew 25:14-18).