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# Oaks Early Risers Bible Class

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**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:**

Jesus didn't come riding a war-horse. This reveals what kind of King Jesus is. He came in meekness and lowliness. Jesus came not for war, but for peace, establishing peace between God and us

**PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:**

Jesus, thank You for coming into Jerusalem to reveal Your mighty and humble ways. Fill my heart with Your peace

**SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK:**

Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your King is coming to you, Lowly, and sitting on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey

(Matt 21:5 NKJV)

(from "Our Daily Bread", Apr 04, 2022)

**Series: God Frees and Redeems**

**UNIT 2: Liberating Gospels**

**NEXT WEEK**

**Passover with the King**  
(Matt 26:17-30)

## Triumphal Entry of the King Matt 21:1-11

**Lesson Background and Introduction**

Hearing the story of Jesus always leaves us with a question: Who is he? Just a good teacher, basing his lessons on God's laws? No more than a prophet, given insight from the Lord? Or is he the Son of God, the promised Messiah, sent to save the world from sin and death? Based on our answer, we also have a decision to make: Will we follow? On days like the one described in this lesson, following Jesus is not just the right thing to do; it's the joyful thing! We want to follow Christ when he is being celebrated by everyone we know. And indeed, following Jesus is the path of life to the fullest (John 10:10b; 14:6). But we must not forget that Jesus was heading to the cross. All of us experience great happiness, but sorrow, pain, betrayal, and loss will still befall us, as they did Jesus. This is not an exception to a good life; it is a fact of living in a world marred by sin. Will we still follow when we know that Jesus might be leading us to more pain than if we simply watched him pass by? What gives us staying power when others lay down their palm branches and reach instead for stones (John 8:59)? Growing in our knowledge of Jesus and our relationship with him helps us choose to follow his lead every day. Our preparation for extraordinary struggle begins in ordinary preparations: spending time in the Word and in prayer, seeking the Spirit's guidance; worshipping with the body of Christ, and lamenting too; serving our brothers and sisters, our neighbors, and our enemies. May we celebrate Jesus in all circumstances and follow him, even to death

*(Adapted from the NIV Standard Lesson Commentary)*

**The Triumphal Entry** - Right before Jesus entered the city, He commissioned two of His disciples to retrieve a donkey. Jesus knew the exact location of a colt and its mother. If anyone asked questions, Jesus told them to say, "The Lord needs them." Jesus fulfilled one of Zechariah's prophecies concerning the Messiah by riding into Jerusalem like royalty. Yet, He made no use of a warrior horse; instead, He rode on a colt, symbolizing peace and meekness. Out of respect, the disciples put their garments across the donkey, and Jesus climbed on the animal to ride into the city. Because of the Passover feast, thousands of Jews from all over the known world were there, perhaps lining the street in a parade-like fashion. They made a carpet of their outer garments and tree branches along the road. The people shouted "Hosanna!" and hailed Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah and King. They expected Him to take down the Roman government and bring in a free, Jewish kingdom.

**The Messiah's Message** - The Scripture said Jesus' entrance "stirred" the city. The same thing happened in the city when the Magi inquired about the Christ child (Matt. 2:3). On both occasions, the Magi and Jesus turned the city upside down, and rumors started circulating. Those who had not heard about Jesus asked, "Who is this?" Those in the crowd who knew of Him shouted back, "This is Jesus of Nazareth."

**When King Jesus Rides Again** - What the crowd didn't know was that Jesus would begin to weep as He rode into Jerusalem. They shouted and rejoiced over Him, thinking He would free them from their Roman oppressors. They didn't understand that this time when Jesus came, He came as a gentle, lowly Savior. When Jesus returns, at His second coming, He will then ride a warrior's white horse, and everyone will know who He is.

*(Adapted from the Echoes Commentary)*

## NOTES AND CROSS-REFERENCES

### **The Preparation (21:1-7)**

#### *Preparation through prophecy (1-2)*

- Prophecy of Jesus being our King (Jer 23:5)
- Prophecy that God would anoint Jesus (Ps 45:6-7)
- Prophecy that Jesus would preach good news (Luke 4:18-21)
- Prophecy that Jesus would have power to heal (Acts 10:36-38)

#### *Preparation includes the use of others (3-4)*

- Use of others to share the load (Exodus 18:13-23)
- Use of others to share the responsibility (Acts 6:3)
- Use of others to ensure everywhere is reached (Acts 1:21-26)
- Use of others called out by God (Acts 13:2-3)
- Use of others because two are better than one (Eccl 4:9-12)

#### *Preparation through humility (5)*

- Humility that considers others better than ourselves (Phil 2:3)
- Humility that comes from being one of God's chosen people (Col 3:12)
- Humility that should be shown toward all men (Titus 3:2)
- Humility that comes from godly wisdom (James 3:13)

#### *Preparation through obedience (6-7)*

- Obedience to God not man (Acts 5:29)
- Obedience in the face of harm (Dan 3:16-18)
- Obedience through putting God's words into practice (Matt 7:24-25)
- Obedience through living holy (1 Peter 1:14-16)

### **The Presentation (21:8-11)**

#### *Presentation through reverence (8)*

- Reverence through submission to God (Eph 5:21)
- Reverence in worship of God (Heb 12:28)
- Reverence because God is good (Ps 100:2-5)
- Reverence because God is worthy (Rev 5:9)

#### *Presentation through praise (9)*

- Praise God for His faithfulness Ps 56:4
- Praise God for His mercy (Rom 15:8-11)
- Praise God for His compassion and comfort (2 Cor 1:3-4)
- Praise God for His spiritual blessings (Eph 1:3)

#### *Presentation through the stirring of the spirit (10)*

- By making God's word a burning desire (Jer 20:9)
- By making witness bold (Ps 39:2-3)
- By compelling us to tell what God has done for us (Acts 4:20)
- By putting things into our hearts (2 Cor 8:16)
- By working in our spirits to accomplish His good purpose (Phil 2:13)

#### *Presentation through knowing Jesus (11)*

- Knowing Jesus is the way of knowing God (John 8:19)
- Knowing Jesus is having eternal life (John 17:3)
- Knowing Jesus through being His sheep (John 10:14-15)
- Knowing Jesus is the reason He came as human (1 John 5:20)
- Knowing Jesus so that we will share in His resurrection (Phil 3:10-11)