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TRIUMPHANT AND VICTORIOUS

CHURCH SCHOOL LESSON

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KEY POINTS

- The prophet Zechariah had prophesied that the conquering King (Messiah) would enter Jerusalem riding on the colt of a donkey. (Zechariah 9:9)
- Jesus is fully aware of what is to happen in Jerusalem. He tried to prepare the twelve disciples for what to expect. (Matt. 20:17-19)
- Jesus' entry into Jerusalem was a symbolic declaration that He was the Messiah, the Son of David, the King of the Jews.
- The crowd was uncertain of the identity of Jesus. Outside of Jerusalem they called Him the Son of David but inside Jerusalem He was called the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.

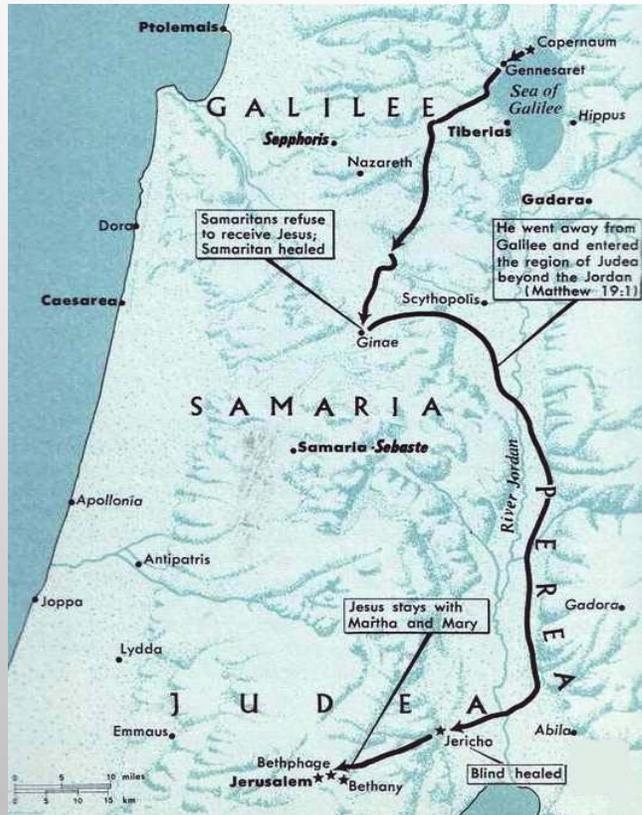
BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Jerusalem

- Had been the political and spiritual capital of Israel since the reign of David.
- In Jesus' day, Jerusalem was still the spiritual center of Israel because the Temple was located there.
- Both the OT and the NT revealed that Jerusalem was the centerpiece of God's future plans for the world.
- In the OT Jerusalem is the place where all the people of the earth would one day come to worship the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
- Jerusalem was where God's Messiah would sit on the throne of David.
- Jerusalem was where God would be present.

The Feast of the Passover – the celebration of liberation from domination in Egypt

THE FINAL JOURNEY OF JESUS



- **Matthew 19:** We are told that Jesus and the disciples leave Galilee and travel toward **Jerusalem**. When they reach **Judea** near **Jericho** a large crowd follow Him.
- **Jesus** continues to teach on His journey to **Jerusalem**.
- **Matthew 20:** **Jesus** takes the disciples aside and tells them about ***His death in Jerusalem***.

THE FINAL JOURNEY OF JESUS

- **Jesus tells the disciples in Matthew 20:17-19 that:**
 - ❖ *The Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and scribes in Jerusalem*
 - ❖ *They will condemn Him (Jesus) to death*
 - ❖ *They will hand Him over to the Gentiles to be mocked, flogged and crucified.*
 - ❖ *On the third day He will be raised.*
- Matthew 20:20-28 The **disciples** begin to argue about who would be the *greatest in His kingdom*.
- Matthew 20: 29-33 **Two blind men** on the side of the road who called out for *Jesus, “the **Son of David** to have mercy”* on them were healed.

THE ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM – MATTHEW 21

- **Jesus** enters Jerusalem as the **pilgrims** are arriving for preparation of the feasts associated with **the Passover** and **Unleavened Bread**.
- When the disciples reach **Bethphage**, “house of figs” about two miles outside of Jerusalem, **Jesus** sends two disciples into the village to obtain a **donkey and her colt** for Him to ride into Jerusalem.
- **Jesus** instructs them to tell who ever ask that “**the Lord has need of it**”.
- **Mark 10** informs the reader that no one had ever ridden the young donkey.
- The choice of a **donkey’s colt** was symbolic of a **king coming in peace**. If, when a city was conquered, the victorious monarch approached riding a *white warhorse*, the inhabitants knew he was coming to *judge and destroy the city*. If he approached on a **donkey’s colt**, they knew he was coming in **peace** (Zech. 9:9)

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- **Garments** are placed on the animal and **Jesus** sits down.
- The **crowd** places garments and ***palm branches*** on the ground before Jesus denoting the arrival of an important person.
- The actions are celebratory and show respect for **Jesus**.
- **Jesus** enters Jerusalem as the promised ***Son of David***, the king of the promised kingdom.
- Jesus is a peaceful King of the people of God, not a revolutionary with political interest.
- He arrives in Jerusalem with no sword in His hand, vulnerable to His enemies. He was born into this world without the outward apparel of the wealthy, in a stable and not a palace. He chose to enter Jerusalem on a donkey not in a chariot.

THE ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM – MATTHEW 21

- **Hosanna** means “save now”
- **Jesus’** entry into Jerusalem caused a “*shaking of the earth*” or *turmoil*. The people in the city wanted to know who He was.
- The crowd responded that Jesus was “the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee”.
- **Jesus’s** entry into **Jerusalem** culminates the journey and sets up the *decisive confrontation* between **Jesus** and the **Jewish leadership**.
- **Question: Who is Jesus to you?**

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