

# BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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## CONVERSATION

### The Crowd Welcomed Jesus

#### MATTHEW 21:1-11

Jesus was traveling with His disciples to Jerusalem. As He came to the Mount of Olives outside a village called Bethphage, Jesus instructed two of the disciples to go into the village where they would find a donkey tied with a colt. Jesus told the disciples to untie the animals and bring them to Him. He told the men that if anyone asked what they were doing, they should say that the Lord needs the animals.

This happened to fulfill a prophecy (*word of God*) that was written hundreds of years before. This prophecy said, "Look! Your King is coming, riding on a young donkey."

The disciples followed Jesus' instructions. They brought the donkey and the colt, put their robes on them, and Jesus sat on top of them.

As Jesus rode, a large crowd of people spread their robes on the road. Others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road, too. Crowds of people went in front of Him and followed after Him. They shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up and asked, "Who is this?"

The crowd replied, "This is Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee."

**WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE:** John 14:6

**LIFE POINT:** Jesus is the Messiah.



#### THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Parents, today your child learned that Jesus is the Messiah, the Savior of the world. Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, fulfilling a prophecy from Zechariah. The people welcomed Him joyously, like a king. They knew that Jesus was special.

#### LIVE IT OUT

Talk with your child about some of her favorite ways to praise Jesus, such as Bible reading, singing, praying, and so forth. Incorporate those ways to worship into a family devotion.

#### LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

God provided a plan for salvation because He loves me.

#### DAILY BIBLE READING

**Sunday:** John 14:6

**Monday:** Zechariah 9:9

**Tuesday:** Isaiah 61:1

**Wednesday:** Isaiah 11:1

**Thursday:** Jeremiah 23:5

**Friday:** Isaiah 53:3

**Saturday:** Malachi 3:1

**TAKE IT FURTHER:** Check out *The Crowd Welcomed Jesus* section of the Bible Studies for Life: Kids Family App.

## SPRING 2020

Unit 2, Session 1

### CONNECTION POINT:

We can live forever in the presence of God.

### THE BIBLE MEETS

**LIFE:** In modern society, most people tend to avoid the topic of death. We don't talk about it in polite company. We avoid cemeteries that remind us of our own mortality. Out of sight, out of mind. Death is an impending reality for all of us, and most people avoid the subject because of the uncertainty of what lies beyond. For the follower of Christ, though, death is nothing to fear because of the sure hope of eternal life.

**LIVE IT OUT:** Your student has been encouraged to take practical steps to take his or her faith and Live It Out.

## PRESCHOOL

**Scripture:** Matthew 21:1-11

**Live It Out:** Use the tune "London Bridge" to sing the Bible verse: *God loved us and sent His Son, sent His Son, sent His Son. God loved us and sent His Son. 1 John 4:10.*

On their way to Jerusalem, Jesus sent two of His disciples into a town. He told them that they would find a young donkey and its mother. He said, "Untie them and bring them to Me."

The disciples brought the donkeys to Jesus just as He said. The disciples placed their coats on the young donkey's back. Jesus sat on the donkey and rode into Jerusalem.

Along the way, many people saw Jesus. When they saw Him coming, some people spread their coats on the road. Others cut branches from trees and spread them across the road. The people knew Jesus was special. As they walked with Jesus, the people shouted, "Hosanna! Hosanna!"

Some people asked, "Who is this?" The crowds replied, "This is Jesus from Nazareth." Many people were happy to see Jesus.

## KIDS

**Scripture:** Matthew 21:1-11

**Live It Out:** Talk with your child about her favorite ways to praise Jesus, such as Bible reading, singing, and praying. Incorporate those ways to worship into a family devotion.

Jesus and the disciples were heading to Jerusalem. Jesus sent two of the disciples into the village. He told the disciples to bring a donkey and her colt to him. Jesus told them that if anyone said anything to the disciples, they were to say the Lord needs them.

The disciples laid their coats on the donkey and its colt. Jesus sat on them. As Jesus rode into Jerusalem, the whole city was excited.

A very large crowd spread their clothes on the road, and others cut branches from trees to spread on the road. Some of the crowd went ahead of Jesus and others followed behind Him. The people cried out:

"Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

## STUDENTS

**Scripture:** Revelation 21:1-8; 22:1-5

- What do you look forward to most about our eternal home?
- How does the promise of eternity impact your life now?
- In what ways does knowing how the story ends change your everyday life?

**Live It Out:** In this life, because of our rebellion against God and due to sin's curse, we experience all kinds of frustration, pain, and suffering. However, we have a promise that, one day, we will be set free from this brokenness. We look forward to a day when there will be no sickness, no tears, and no death. Yet, even then, the best part is that we will no longer be separated from God, but in His presence. Because Jesus' sacrifice has destroyed death, for those who are God's children, this will be our eternal reality.

One of the ways we show this is through valuing the church and demonstrating faithfulness to God and to our church family. How is God calling you to be a more fully devoted citizen of heaven, in the ways you relate to Him and to your church?