

Giving to the King

Giving Praise during the Triumphant Entry

LESSON BACKGROUND: The triumphal entry was Jesus' most open display of His claim to deity before His death. We call this Palm Sunday because of the palm branches the people put down in the road for the donkey Jesus rode to walk on.

The Bible says the disciples put their coats over the back of the donkey for Jesus to sit on. The people praised Him as the King who comes in the name of the Lord, very clearly celebrating Him as the Messiah.

It was very public and parade-like, so it wouldn't have gone unnoticed to anyone in Jerusalem. In other words, Jesus caused a ruckus. Why? Because it was time to. He had guarded and protected the information of who He really was until the time was right. He was hesitant to turn the water into wine at His mother's request because His time had not yet come. He often asked the disciples to keep quiet about Him (Matthew 12:16, 16:20). Now His time had come, and Jesus' entry into Jerusalem was His public confirmation of the truth of the rumours that had been stirring around Him, and He was celebrated with the honour and reverence He deserved.

KEY PASSAGE: Matthew 21:1-11

KEY VERSE FOR THE MONTH: *"Wherever your treasure is, there your heart and thoughts will also be."* Luke 12:34 TLB

BIG IDEA: "I can give praise to Jesus because He is King."

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BIBLE MESSAGE – Triumphant Entry

INTRODUCTION

This month we're learning about what we can give to King Jesus? In today's story we see how Jesus is treated as the rightful king as He enters Jerusalem. While the way He enters the city isn't how a king usually would, this parade is certainly a parade of praise because Jesus is our King.

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Jesus and His disciples travelled to the city of Jerusalem. As they got closer, He gave two of them instructions to go into the village. He said they would find a donkey and her young colt tied up there. He wanted His disciples to untie the donkeys and bring them back to Him. Hmm. What do you think would happen if you just went and took someone's donkey without asking?

I am sure the disciples might have been thinking the same thing. But, Jesus knew what they were thinking. He told them, "If anyone asks you what you are doing, just tell them, 'The Master needs them,' and they will let you have them." So, the disciples obeyed. And do you know what?

They found the young donkey and the donkey just like Jesus said they would. When they came back to Jesus, they laid their coats on the back of the donkey so Jesus could ride. People started to gather along the road. They realised this man on the donkey's back was Jesus. They wanted to treat Him like a king as He entered the city of Jerusalem.

Some of them spread their coats on the ground for the donkey to walk on. Others cut branches from the palm trees and threw them down like a welcome mat. Many waved the branches in the air in celebration.

As Jesus rode through the city, the crowds created a big parade. Some people spread their coats in the road and others spread branches waving their branches and praising God. The people shouted, Hosanna!" Praise Him! The people of Jerusalem praised Jesus and called Him the one "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! . . Hosanna in the highest!"

But not everyone was happy to praise King Jesus. The Pharisees told Jesus to stop the people and Jesus replied "I tell you that if they kept quiet, the very stones in the road would burst out cheering!" (Luke 19:40 Philipps)

This parade was truly a parade for a king.

APPLICATION

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This story of Jesus riding into Jerusalem is often called the Triumphant Entry or Palm Sunday because it was a celebration with people waving palms as Jesus rode past. But it isn't just about a big parade and praise, there's more to this story. This was the moment that Jesus was recognised by many as the Messiah and King who they believed would come and save them. This moment was prophesised many hundred years before and now it was coming true. The people gave praise to the King and Saviour they had been waiting for. They gave praise to Jesus because He is the King.

So why should we give praise to King Jesus? Simply because **He is God and He is King**. We usually give praise to someone because they have done something to deserve it. Jesus doesn't have to do anything to deserve our praise because He is God and that makes Him worthy of our praise. But Jesus did so much more for us that **giving praise should just become part of the way we live our lives as Christ-followers**.

You may wonder, how can we live our lives as a way of giving worship and praise to King Jesus?

- When we live the way Jesus would want us to live, like telling others about Him, being kind and loving, being truthful, and becoming more like Jesus as we spend more time with Him, this is praising Him.
- We can also come to church and lift our hand and sing praise to Him with a heart that is focused on Him.

There are many more ways that we can live our lives so it gives praise to God, can you think of any?

Our Big Idea today is **"I can give praise to Jesus because He is King."** When we chose to become Christ-followers we realise that Jesus is the King who did so much for us. He is our God and our King, and because of this, He is worthy of all praise.

Our Memory Verse is *"Wherever your treasure is, there your heart and thoughts will also be."* Luke 12:34 TLB When you treasure something you treat it like it's precious. When you treasure Jesus, your heart and thoughts will always treat Jesus like He is precious – and you can easily give praise to Him in all you do.

Let's pray:

Dear God, thank you for giving us King Jesus. Help us live a life that always gives praise to you and to Jesus. We love you. In Jesus' name, Amen.