



Jesus Rides Into Jerusalem

Zechariah, an Old Testament prophet, prophesied that one day Jesus would enter the city of Jerusalem riding on a colt, and He would be surrounded by multitudes of people rejoicing in His greatness. Zechariah 9:9 says, "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass." (An ass is similar to a donkey.)

That Scripture was about to be fulfilled. Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. As Jesus was drawing near Jerusalem, He came to Bethphage and Bethany first. At the Mount of Olives, Jesus stopped. He sent two of the disciples into the village with these instructions: "Go ye into the village over against you; in the which at your entering ye shall find a colt tied, whereon yet never man sat: loose him, and bring him hither. And if any man ask you, Why do ye loose him? thus shall ye say unto him, Because the Lord hath need of him."

The two disciples went to the village. They found a colt, the young one of an ass, tied, just as Jesus had said. As they were untying the colt, the owners came and asked why they were untying their colt. When the disciples said the Lord needed him, the owners let them take it. The disciples led the colt to where Jesus was waiting, at the Mount of Olives.

When they presented the colt to Jesus, they did something that had never been done to that colt before: they threw their coats over his back. The clothes being tossed over him should have been enough to make him buck and jump and kick. But he just stood there! He did not shy away in fright! Most colts that never have had a weight on their backs will naturally shy away from anything that is put on them—be it coats, a saddle, or a person!

But this colt did not try to buck or jump or shake himself to make the coats fall off. He did not even try to bite or kick the disciples. This colt stayed very calm—considering that he had never had anything on his back before! Do you suppose he knew he was going to carry His Creator that day?

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CHRIST'S ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM

Matthew 21:1-17; Mark 11:1-19; Luke 19:29-48

He stood very still as Jesus climbed up on his back and sat down. When Jesus was mounted, they all started for Jerusalem: Jesus, the twelve chosen disciples, and the rest of the people who were with them. Many of the people spread their garments on the road before the colt. The people were rejoicing and praising God with loud voices, for all the mighty miracles and wonders they had seen Jesus do in the past three years.

Some people cut down branches from trees and spread them in the way of the colt (here was another thing that could have frightened the colt). There were people shouting all around Jesus: "Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest." The people cried out, "Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest."

Some Pharisees among the crowd told Jesus to rebuke those disciples who were giving Him praise. Jesus said, "I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out."

As the crowds were lining the road and gathering around the entrance to Jerusalem—amidst all the rejoicing—Jesus began to weep over the city. He wept because He knew that even though they were rejoicing over Him then, they would soon be rejecting Him. They failed to really know that God was in the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus knew that soon God the Father would bring destruction on Jerusalem because the people had failed to accept Him for who He was: God's Son.

They called Jesus a king, but they wanted another kind of king. They wanted one who would reign from a throne in a palace, not a king who would reign over their hearts. They failed to know the time of their visitation from God, and God was going to allow their enemies to bring destruction on them because of it.



Jesus Drives Out the Moneychangers

After Jesus entered the city, He went to the temple and went inside. He looked around at all that was going on there. He saw money changers busy at exchanging the foreign money that was given to them. Others were selling or buying animals to be used as sacrifices. People were using God's house—the temple—as a place of business, to make money! These things should not have been done in the temple.

The dedication of the temple for only worship had been forgotten! The temple was set apart to be a holy place for the worship of God! Jesus was not at all happy with what He saw. But by then it was evening. Jesus and the twelve disciples went to Bethany to spend the night.

In the morning, Jesus went back to the temple. He was very angry at what He had seen taking place in the house of God, and He was going to do something about it! Jesus began to cast out the ones who sold in the temple and the ones who bought from them. He over-

threw the tables of the money changers. He upset all the seats of the ones who sold doves. Jesus would not allow anyone to carry any vessel through the temple, either.

He spoke sternly to those who were guilty of doing those things: "My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves." Amazingly enough, nobody did anything to Jesus for throwing the ones out of the temple, and after that, Jesus taught daily in the temple.

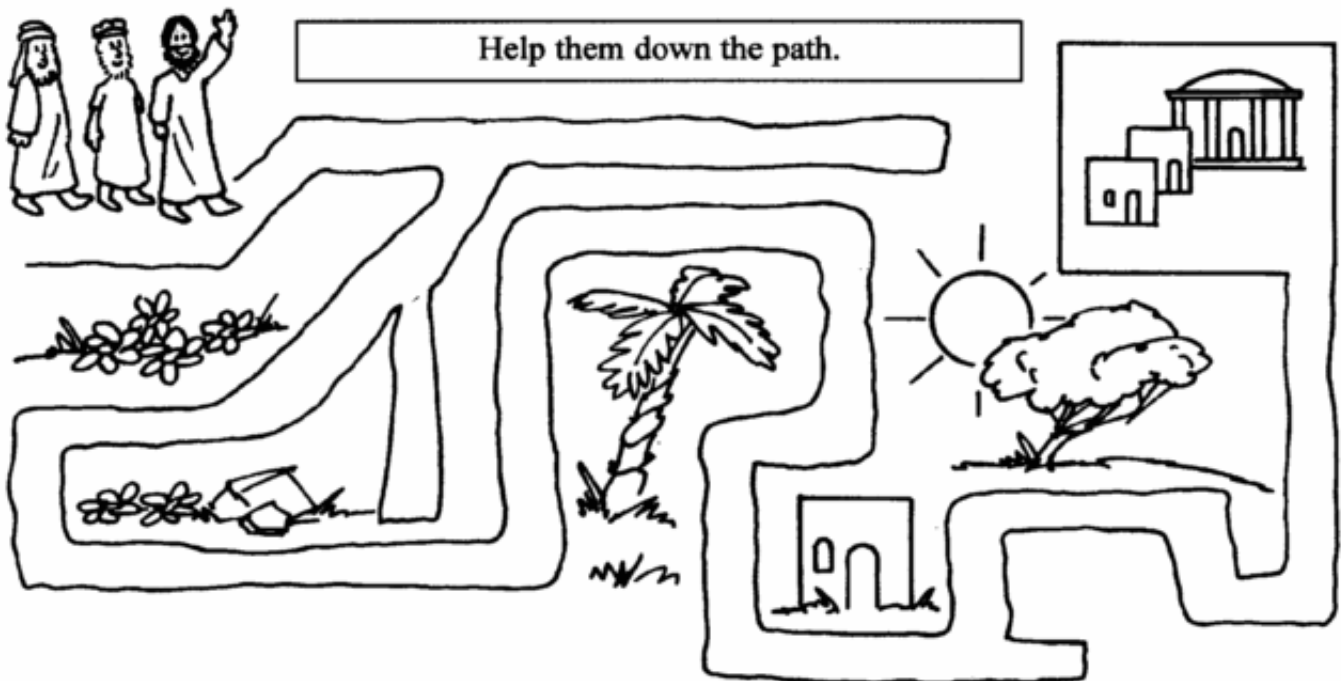
But the chief priests and the scribes wanted to destroy Jesus. They could not carry out their desire at that time though, for most of the people wanted to hear what Jesus had to say.

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**MEMORY VERSE:**

*"Hosanna; Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord."*

—Mark 11:9  
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Jesus and His disciples were on the road to Jerusalem.

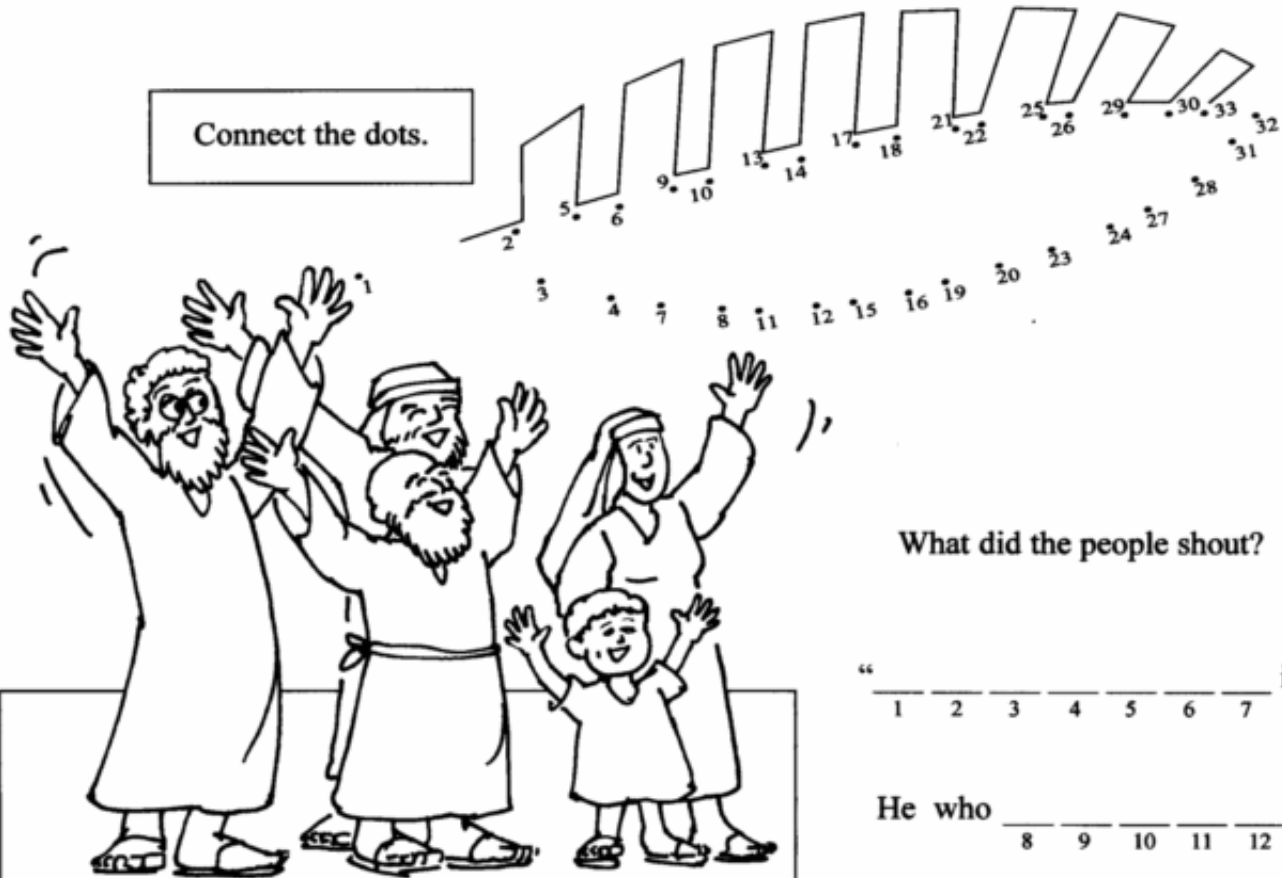


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CHILDREN'S
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ACTIVITY SHEETS

Jesus rode a donkey into Jerusalem. The people cheered.
They put their coats on the road for Jesus to ride on.
What did they wave?

Connect the dots.



What did the people shout?

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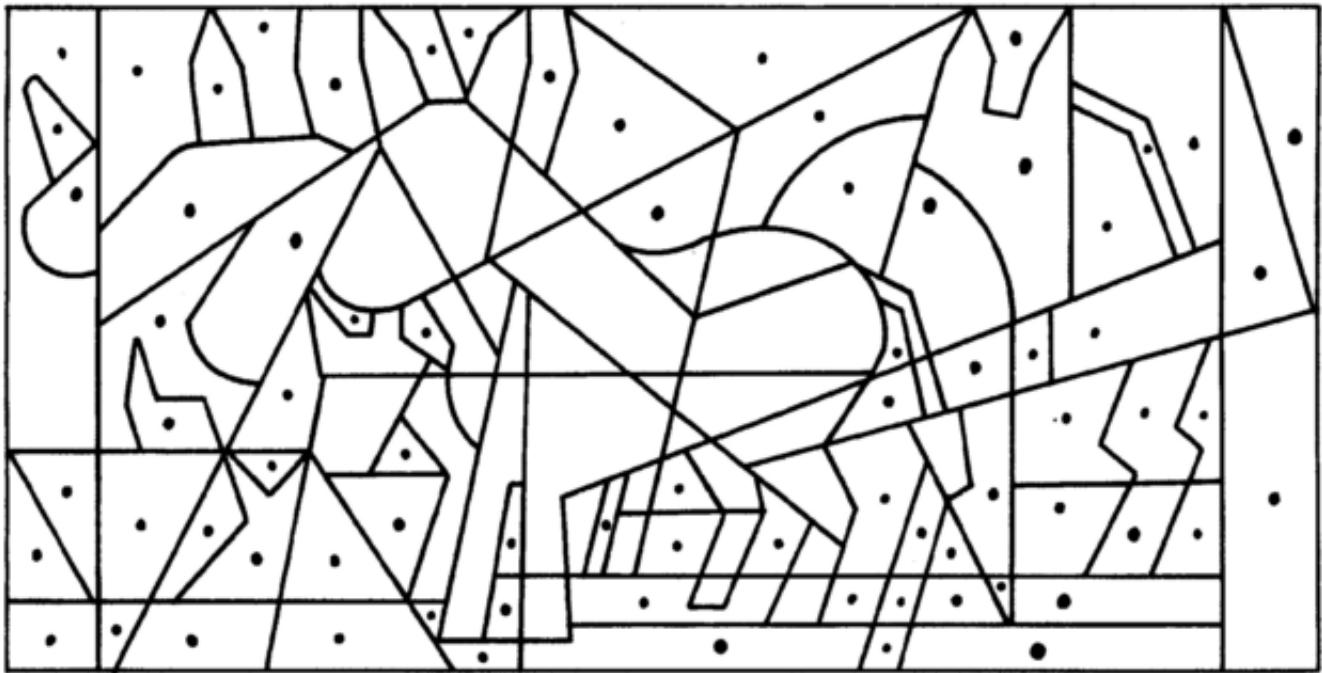
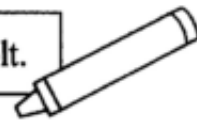
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| 2. KMNO | 9. NPQR | 16. DFGH |
| 3. CDFG | 10. KLNO | 17. JKMN |
| 4. QRTU | 11. DFGH | 18. MNPQ |
| 5. RTUV | 12. RTUV | 19. PQST |
| 6. CDFG | 13. KLMO | 20. CEF G |
| 7. BCEF | 14. ZBCD | |

Color the spaces with a • to find a donkey and her colt.



**Jesus is riding into Jerusalem.
Draw the people waving palm branches.**

