

7-DAY-DEVOTION FOR

EASTER



LUKE 19

29-44

JESUS ENTERS JERUSALEM

29-34 When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, saying:

Go into the village in front of you,
where on entering you will find a colt tied,
on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here.

If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?'
you shall say this:

'The Lord has need of it.'



So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them,

They said:

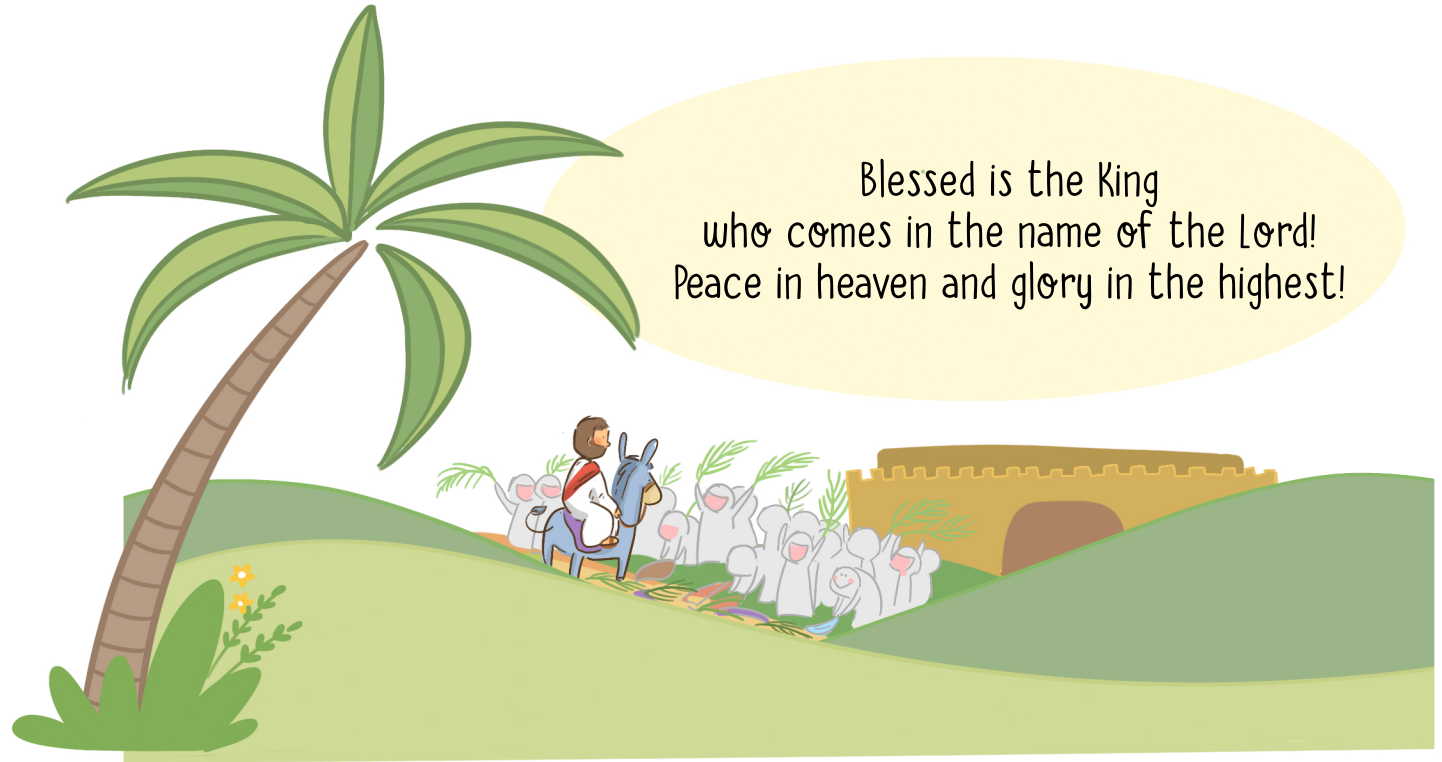
The Lord has need
of it.

Why are you
untying the colt?



- 35-36 And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road.
- 37-38 As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying:

Blessed is the King
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!



39-40 And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him,

He answered,

I tell you, if these
were silent, the very stones
would cry out.

Teacher,
rebuke your disciples



41-44 And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying



Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.

For the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up a barricade around you and surround you and hem you in on every side

and tear you down to the ground, you and your children within you. And they will not leave one stone upon another in you,

because you did not know the time of your visitation.

END OF THE READING FOR DAY 1



DID YOU KNOW



There are only a few times Jesus cries in the Bible, and this is one of them. (Luke 19:41)



His heart was breaking over a city He built up. (Psalm 102:16)



It would be destroyed because they did not recognize their King and rejected Him. This was fulfilled in 70 AD when the Romans captured Jerusalem and tore the city and the Temple to the ground.



That day, Jesus' followers rejoiced at His arrival (Luke 19:37), but the rest of the city didn't seem to notice or care. Even now, God is near to each of us, waiting for us to reach out to Him. (Acts 17:27)

Will we be like the disciples and rejoice over our King,
or will we miss it like the rest of Jerusalem?

THINK ABOUT THIS

After Jesus entered Jerusalem, He went to the Temple. He threw out some people who were taking money, and then taught and healed others. Some children praised Jesus with loud shouts saying,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!"

(Matthew 21:14-16).



The little children praised Him, even though the religious leaders rejected Him. Let's be like those kids and praise our King without caring what others think!

PRAYER

Thank you Jesus, You came because of me.
Help me to prepare my heart to welcome You.



Name one thing that distracts you from Jesus.
Why is it easy to become distracted, and what can you do about it?

