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I Spy Salvation's Story

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In our sin, we fail to see Jesus as He really is when we ask Him to meet only our temporal needs. **Jesus came not as a conquering king to subdue opposition but to bring spiritual peace as He overcomes sin and death through His cross and resurrection.**

Bible Words

Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!
Mark 11:9

The Big Picture

Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem on a colt fulfilled a prophecy that was made centuries earlier in the Old Testament:

"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is He, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

Zechariah 9:9

The Case of the Dried Palms: Triumphal Entry

Luke 19:28–40

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! These words greeted Jesus as He journeyed into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday on the back of a colt. The people quoted Psalm 118 to welcome Jesus as their King, the promised Messiah prophesied long ago.

The disciples placed their coats on the colt's back, and the people waved palm branches and rejoiced. Jesus did not enter as a military conqueror like Solomon when he rode on a mule and was proclaimed king of Israel in the Old Testament (1 Kings 1:33). Jesus did not arrive to establish an earthly kingdom or defeat earthly armies, as many assumed.

Jesus, our heavenly King, came to bring "peace in heaven" (Luke 19:38) and to destroy the enemies of sin, death, and the devil. The people did not realize this at the time, but they soon learned the truth through Jesus' death and resurrection.

That day, the Pharisees told Jesus to rebuke His disciples for praising Him as the Messiah. He replied, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out" (v. 40).

Hosanna!

When the people cried "Hosanna!" to Jesus on Palm Sunday, they shouted a Hebrew word of praise that means "save us now." How fitting that later in the week, Jesus completed His saving work for us by dying on the cross and rising again so that all might live.

Prayer

O heavenly King, Your name is holy and wonderful. Direct our hearts to gladly praise You, the one who saves us. In the blessed name of Jesus. Amen.

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