

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Why were the masses unable to recognize Christ as the true Messiah?
2. Why are people today unable to recognize Him? [SoF:8]
3. How is the way prepared for Christ's entry into the hearts of man?
4. What parallels are there between Christ's "triumphant entry" into Jerusalem and His second coming? Contrasts?
5. Are people better equipped to understand prophecy today?
6. Is welcoming Christ any different today than it was 2000 years ago?

### SUMMARY:

Jesus in this unusual and unprecedented entry into Jerusalem as a king is about to triumph in the greatest battle of all time. This battle would be fought in a few hours upon the cross where Jesus would become victor over Satan and death. The people could not understand what was taking place and there must have been much confusion and mixed emotions as they tried to reason about the action and words of Jesus.

Man without spiritual development and understanding is out of balance and can only be a mixed-up, self centered individual. Have you ever tried to put a puzzle together when several pieces were missing? The picture just doesn't come through clearly. So it is with man who has his spiritual eyes blinded in trying to understand God's dealing with him, he becomes bewildered and confused. Several important pieces of the puzzle are not present. You could name many of these, but the most important are probably faith and love.

### NOTES:

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[SoF:8] We believe that a saving faith results in regeneration by the Holy Spirit and the Word of God, without which there is no salvation.

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #11

March 18, 2018

First Quarter

## WELCOMING CHRIST

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**LESSON TEXT:** *Luke 19:28-44*

**LESSON SETTING:** In route to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives.

**TIME:** Approximately 33 A.D.

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### I. THE PREPARATION. Luke 19:28-35

- A. Sends His Disciples (vs. 29)
- B. Unusual Assignment (vs. 30)
- C. Instructions Followed (vs. 32)

### II. THE PRAISE. Luke 19:36-40

- A. Cast Garments Upon the Colt and In His Way (vs. 35-36)
- B. Rejoice and Praise (vs. 37-38)

### III. THE PROPHECY. Luke 19:41-44

- A. Hid From Their Eyes (vs. 42) 2 Corinthians 4:3-4
- B. Evil Day to Come Because of Their Blindness (vs. 44)  
Romans 1:21; Ephesians 4:18

**GOLDEN TEXT: BLESSED BE THE KING THAT COMETH IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD.**

Luke 19:38

**NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON:** Luke 23:26-49

**SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES:** Psalm 22:1-31 Matthew 27:32-56;  
Mark 15:21-41; John 19:16-37

**QUARTERLY THEME:** Christ, the Son of Man

**TOPIC:** BEHOLDING THE SAVIOR

**INTRODUCTION:**

The two malefactors picture so vividly the two aspects in our lives. Christ said when He returns, two men will be in one bed, one will be taken, the other left. Two women will be grinding, one will be taken, the other left. There are only two sides, two ways, no middle road, no in-between, no compromising. It is either receive Christ, or reject Him. We are either saved, or lost.

The two malefactors, seemingly up to the time they were placed on the cross, were alike. But on the cross a momentous difference occurred. One beheld the Savior and received those most precious words from the dying lips of Christ: "Today thou shalt be with me in paradise." (Luke 23:43)

How we, as Christians, long for that wonderful day when we hear Christ say "Today thou shalt be with me, today behold thy Savior"! We long for that day, but while we are still here, we can go forward, joyfully each day beholding our Savior who is ever near.

**CENTRAL TRUTH:** Christ died on Calvary so all those who look to Him for salvation may be saved.

**GOLDEN TEXT: LOOK UNTO ME, AND BE YE SAVED, ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH.**

Isaiah 45:22

A cosmonaut who circled the earth years ago mockingly said, "I didn't see God up there." The three American astronauts who circled the moon reacted differently. As they viewed the earth from out in space they were filled with awe, and acknowledged the work of God's hands. Sometimes we may wonder why God created the earth and all that it contains. God, speaking in Isaiah gives the answer. "For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens: God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the Lord; and there is none else." (Isaiah 45:18) God also created men to inhabit the earth and to honor and obey Him. Man disobeyed and dishonored God and fell into sin and "death by sin."

At Calvary, Jesus completed the work of redemption so that men might find remission of sins and salvation, to again become a new creation in the image of God, in the likeness of His Son. We can either say "we don't see God" in the work of His hands, or we can obey the exhortation "Look unto me, and be ye saved."

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF March 19 – 25**

- M. The Saved Son. Genesis 22:6-18
- T. The Saved Nation. Exodus 12:3-13
- W. \*The Savior's Sad Prophecy. Luke 23:26-31
- T. \*The Savior's Persecution. Luke 23:32-38
- F. \*The Savior's Death. Luke 23:39-49
- S. The Saved Jailer. Acts 16:23-34
- S. The Saved Persecutor. Acts 26:8-20

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