

TO HELP US STUDY (To prepare for this story, compare Mt 21:1-17; Lk 19:29-38; Jn 12:12-19)

1. As Jesus came near Jerusalem, what did he send two disciples to do? _____
2. If anyone asked them, "Why are you doing this?" what were they to answer? _____
3. As Jesus rode toward Jerusalem on the donkey, what did the people do with their clothes? _____
4. What did they cry out? _____
5. The wicked Pharisees said to him, "Teacher, _____ your disciples!"
6. Jesus answered, "I tell you, if they keep _____, the stones will cry out."
7. When Jesus came close enough to see Jerusalem, what did he do? _____ Why do you think he did that? _____
8. According to Jesus, what would someday happen to Jerusalem? _____
9. Where did Jesus go when he entered the city? _____
10. The people thought Jesus was going to become their king. What kind of king is he? _____

*TO HELP US REMEMBER: Young ones—*Luke 19:38, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"

*Older ones—*Mark 11:8-10

TO CHALLENGE TEEN THOUGHT

On what other occasions in Jesus' life did the people try to force him to become their king (list them on the back)? Why would he not be a king like they wanted? In what sense was "the kingdom of David. . .coming" (Mark 11:10)?

TIPS FOR TEACHING PARENTS

Can we explain to our small children what a "spiritual" king is? An idea like this can be communicated to a young child without too much difficulty if we can find some point within the child's present knowledge to tie onto (Jesus used this method of teaching in all his parables). For example, most 3-year-olds know what a regular king is. He is a man who runs a country. He makes rules and laws for the people in his kingdom.

Once we have discussed this idea of what an earthly king does, then we can easily compare Christ's work. If we raise such questions as "Who made the rule that boys and girls should obey their parents?" or "Who made the rule that people should worship God?", our children will quickly see that we have laws other than those made by earthly kings for earthly kingdoms. These are the laws for our lives, laws made by Jesus. In this light we can show our children that we let Jesus be our King when we obey his commandments.

FOR ADULT STUDY: Gal 6:2; Jas 1:25; 1 Jn 2:1-5; 5:2-3; Jn 14:21-24; 15:10.