

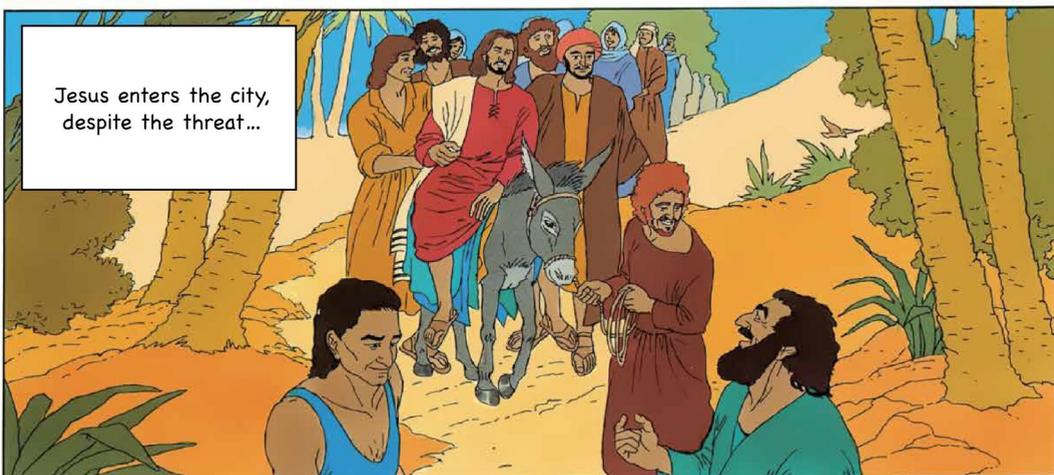
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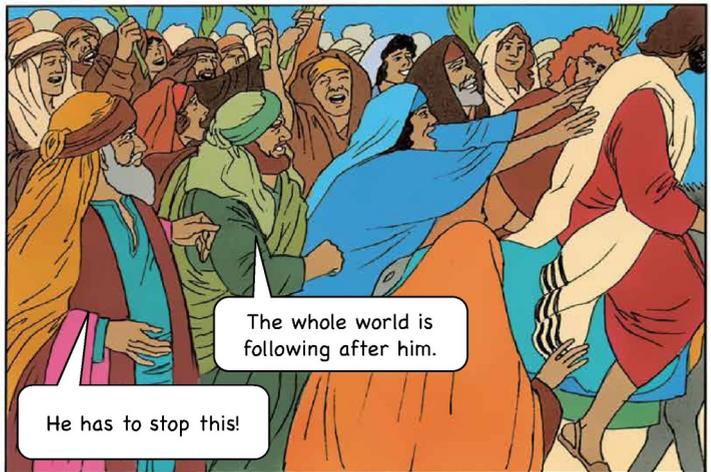
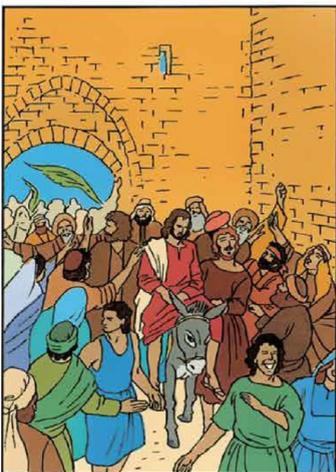
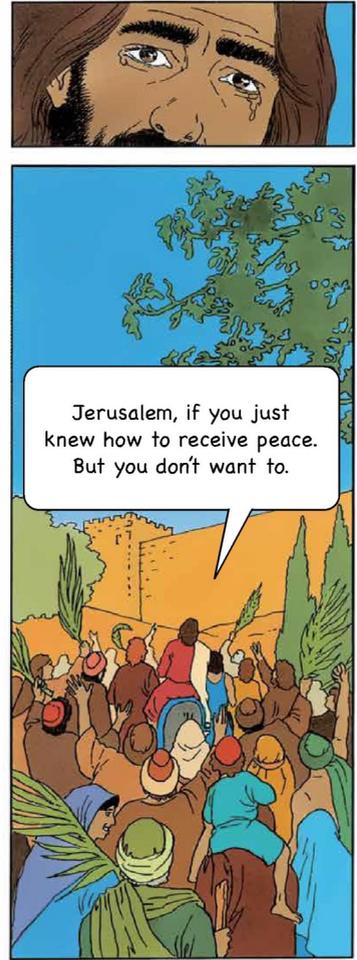
READ FOR YOURSELF: Luke 19:29-44

The feast of Passover is approaching. Crowds of people travel to Jerusalem.
They will bring sacrifices to the temple...



Jesus enters the city,
despite the threat...





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THE HUMBLE KING

We are nearing the most important event in the life of the Lord Jesus: His last Pasha (Passover meal), followed by His suffering, dying and resurrection. Matthew devotes seven chapters on it in his book. Mark and Luke devote each five and John as many as nine (almost half of his book).

Tens of thousands of people come to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. They come from all of Israel and even from other lands. They remember the delivery of their ancestors out of slavery in Egypt. It is logical that they now hope for their own delivery of their land from the power of the Romans. They long for a Messiah. Every year the pilgrims sing:

"Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."

But now that song has a special meaning. Because there comes Jesus! Surely He will be their king!

But Jesus thinks very differently about it. He knows the prophecies concerning the Messiah. Yes, He will become king. But in a very different way than the people expect. By riding into Jerusalem the Lord Jesus gives Himself over to die. After that He will make known what kind of king He is. The people around Him do not realize this, not even his disciples. Jesus weeps. He weeps for the city, He weeps for the people. The people do not want a king who changes their lives. Jerusalem, city of peace, will reject the king who is able to bring real peace.

MEMORY VERSE

*"For all who make themselves great will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be made great."
(Luke 18:14)*

WHO IS JESUS?

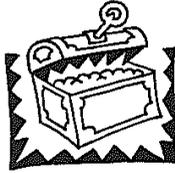
Honoured King

"Fling wide the gates, open the ancient doors and the great king will come in! Who is this great king? He is the Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, victorious in battle." (Psalm 24:7, 8).

The Lord Jesus never said He would be king of a land with borders here on earth. And already in the prophecies about the Messiah we read that His reign will stretch out without borders, over all people and over the whole world. Jesus does not get it by force, but by giving Himself over to God.

That is why Hebrews 2:9 says:

"We see Him now crowned with glory and honour because of the death He suffered."



HUMBLE YOURSELF

Jesus forgets about Himself. He weeps for the people. You can see that He sees others as more important than Himself.

What about you?

Do you have respect for other people?

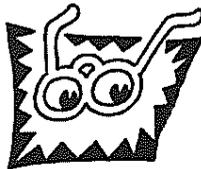
Do you let others go ahead of you?

Are you willing to help those in need?

God desires for you to be like the Lord Jesus. That is only possible if He is King in your life.

Let His Spirit change you:

- He changes pride into humility.
- Desire for honour into modesty.
- Jealously into showing honour.
- Selfishness into generosity.
- Arrogance into caring about others.



OLD TREASURES

In the Old Testament the Messiah is described as King, but also as Suffering Servant. Those two always go together. You can read that, for example, in Zechariah, where also the young female donkey is mentioned, on which this humble King will ride (about 550 years before this happens).

"Rejoice, rejoice, people of Zion! Shout for joy, you people of Jerusalem! Look, your king is coming to you! He comes triumphant and victorious, but humble and riding on a donkey - on a colt, the foal of a donkey" (Zechariah 9:9).

The Messiah is completely different than the world around Him. He does not trust in His own strength. He trusts in God. God will make Him to be a King forever.

EXTRA INFORMATION

Jerusalem

Jerusalem was made capital city of Israel by King David. It became the holy city for the Israelites when his son Solomon built the temple here. The city is situated at an elevation of more than 750 meters above sea level and more than 1000 meters higher than the Jordan River. Other capital cities actually were seldom built on such heights. That is why Jerusalem is also endearingly called 'Zion', after one of the mountains on which the city stands. Jerusalem was at that time extra imposing because of the walls, the towers and the twelve gates. For the Israelites it was always special to travel to Jerusalem for the yearly festivals.



DO YOU KNOW...?

1. Which of the four evangelists writes the most about the events around Jesus' last Passover meal?

2. Who made Jerusalem the capital city of Israel?

3. Cross out the name that does not fit in this list:

- Zion
- Jerusalem
- City of gold
- City of David
- Harbour city
- Holy city

4. Why does Jesus ride into Jerusalem on the foal of a donkey:

- a) Because He is tired and sad.
- b) Because He is humble.
- c) Because He wishes to be cheered as the king.

5. What do the people do with their coats as Jesus passes by?

6. What does Jesus say about the stones when the Pharisees want the disciples to be quiet (Luke 19:39-40)?

7. Look again at the picture story: what does Jesus do when He sees the city?

BIBLE READING

Sun	Psalm 122
Mon	Luke 19:29-44
Tue	Zechariah 9:8-12
Wed	Psalm 24
Thu	Luke 18:9-14
Fri	John 12:12-19
Sat	John 12:20-28



ACTION POINT!

Make a list of ten names of important or famous people you know. Write underneath: I want to be like Jesus to be the least of all.

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____
- 7 _____
- 8 _____
- 9 _____
- 10 _____