



**What is the hope of the church? The church looks forward to Jesus' return when He will make all things new.**

**Week 36: April 13, 2025**

**Bible Story Point:** People welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem as their King.

**Key Passage:** He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away. (Revelation 21:4)

**Sunday Night: (Preschool & Children)**

**Jesus' Triumphal Entry** (Matthew 21, Mark 11, Luke 19, John 12)

We are taking a break from the chronological journey through the Bible to focus on Easter. The Sunday before Easter is Palm Sunday—the day Jesus entered Jerusalem as the King of kings the week of Passover. Many of God's people traveled to Jerusalem for Passover. Jesus and His disciples traveled to Jerusalem as well. Near Bethphage (BETH fayj) and Bethany near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples ahead into a village.

Jesus told them, "You will find a young donkey tied there. No one has ever sat on it. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone says to you 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it.'" Jesus would fulfill Zechariah's prophecy: "Look, your King is coming to you ... humble and riding on a donkey" (Zech. 9:9).

Jesus made a spectacular entrance into the city. He rode a donkey, and people laid branches and their robes on the ground in front of Him. The people welcoming Jesus into Jerusalem believed He was the promised Messiah, but they expected Him to overthrow Roman oppression and set up an earthly throne. Jesus sent a different message.

The next day, Jesus entered the temple and turned over the tables of the money changers and those selling doves. Jesus referred to Isaiah 56:7, declaring that His kingship would not just be over the Jews but over all people. While Jesus was in the temple, He healed the blind and the lame. Jesus' actions declared, "I am not just your King; I am also your God." (See Isa. 35:4-6.)

Finally, the priests and the scribes heard the children in the temple worshiping Jesus as their King. "Do You hear what these children are saying?" they asked. Jesus replied, quoting Psalm 8:2. Jesus gladly received their praise because He was worthy of their praise. Jesus is the Son of God who came to overthrow sin and set up an eternal throne.

As you prepare for and celebrate Easter, help your kids connect the dots between God's promises of a Messiah and Jesus' coming. During Jesus' triumphal entry, the people welcomed Him as King. Jesus was the Messiah spoken about by the prophet Zechariah: "Look, your King is coming to you; He is righteous and victorious, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey" (Zechariah 9:9). One day, Jesus will return to earth on a white horse as King over everything. (Revelation 19:11)

- People were going to Jerusalem for what celebration? The Passover
- Where did the disciples find the young donkey? Tied up at inside the entrance of the village
- What did Jesus ride into Jerusalem? A donkey colt
- How did the people react? They praised Jesus – called him King
- What did the people think Jesus was going to do? Become a ruler and remove Roman Power
- How does Jesus rule as King today?
- How can you celebrate Jesus as our Savior over the coming weeks?

**Pray:** Thank God for eternal life through Jesus. Ask God to help you live according to Jesus' will every day!

## Wednesday Night Awana Clubs: Verses for April 16

**Cubbies:** Bear Hug Special Day 4 Easter– Matthew 28:6 “He is not here: For He has risen, as He said...”

### Sparks:

**Hang Gliders,** Red Jewel 4:4 – Joshua 24:24, And the people said to Joshua, “The Lord our God we will serve, and His voice we will obey.

**Wing Runners,** Red Jewel 4:4 – John 1:1-3, In the beginning was the Word [Jesus Christ], and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He [Jesus Christ] was in the beginning with God, All things were made through Him, without Him was not anything made that was made.

**Sky Stormer,** Red Jewel 4:4 –John 14:1-2, Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; Believe also in me. In my father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?

**T & T's:** – 4.5 Grace to be Transformed

2 Corinthians 5:17, Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

**Saturday Night:** (Preschool & Children)

Take a few minutes to debrief last Sunday's lesson.

Preview for Sunday, April 20th

**Jesus Crucifixion and Resurrection (Matthew 26-28)**

- Where was Jesus placed after he died on the cross? In a tomb!
- How many days was he in the tomb? 3 days
- Who went to the tomb? Mary Magdalene and Mary
- What did they find? The open tomb and an angel sitting on the stone
- Who went to the chief priests to tell what happened? The Guards

### Upcoming Activities:

April 14	Mom's Bible Study 9AM in Fellowship Hall
April 17	Pickleball and Walking Thursday Nights 6—8
April 17	Wee School Spring Sing 6PM
April 18	The Seder Celebration 6PM
April 20	Easter
May 4	VBS Orientation Meeting
May 7	Awana Club Award Night
May 11	Mother's Day / Baby Dedication
May 14	Kids GAME Night in Gym 6:00—7:30
May 17	She & Me—Women's Ministry Event
May 21	Acton Nature Center 6:00—7:30 (Tentative)
May 28	No Kids Activities
May 30	VBS Workday 9AM to Noon

