

Lesson 5 - Hosannas in the Temple

October 13, 2019

Worship: 10 minutes

DVD:

Kingdom Rock	Track 2	Let's Get a Little Crazy
	Track 10	Stand Strong

Points to consider as you think about how to teach this lesson:

Roman Conquerors paraded through the gates after battle on white stallions – the crowds cheered, threw down coats, etc. Consider the difference and similarities between their arrival and Jesus' arrival.

Hosanna means “saves.”

Notice the fickle crowd who will be crying “Crucify Him,” within five days.

After Jesus entered Jerusalem, he entered the temple area. It had become like a marketplace where animals were bought to be sacrificed during Passover. Sellers of animals and money changers were there, cheating the people.

Jesus became very direct and seemed angry (although the scripture never says he was) when he used a whip to chase out the animals and people selling them. Jesus saw many evil things done, but he never reacted in this way... think about why that might have been so. What particularly upset him?

Notice that there was worship taking place on the road to the temple, and none happening in the temple, itself.

All this took place in the courtyard of the temple.

STORY TEACHER:

Matthew 21:1-17

The Triumphal Entry

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

⁵“Say to the daughter of Zion,
‘Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” ¹⁰And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” ¹¹And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

¹²And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. ¹³He said to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer,’ but you make it a den of robbers.”

¹⁴And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. ¹⁵But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in

the temple, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” they were indignant, ¹⁶and they said to him, “Do you hear what these are saying?” And Jesus said to them, “Yes; have you never read, ““Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise’?”

¹⁷And leaving them, he went out of the city to Bethany and lodged there.

Lessons that can be drawn from this story:

- Jesus fulfilled prophecy when he rode in on a donkey. If the Bible says something is going to happen, it WILL! God’s word is always true.
- Jesus said his house, the temple, was a place of worship and a place to pray and serve God. It was where the Israelites could meet God in person. It is important that we respect the times of worship – even when we aren’t in a church building.
- Where is the temple, now? Do you know that the Bible tells us that WE are the temple, now? God sends His Spirit to live in us when we believe in Jesus, and that’s where He lives now. So, now God works in our hearts and lives to throw out the sin in our lives, did you know that? Just as Jesus changed the temple from being a marketplace to a house of prayer, He changes us because He lives inside us.

Small Group Lesson

Small Group Teachers pick and choose activities:

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Questions for older children

What did Jesus go to Jerusalem to do? *He came to die.*

Was it okay that Jesus cleared the temple? What made him act the way he did?
*Jesus' anger was directed at the disobedience to God in GOD'S own HOUSE!
The moneychangers and sellers weren't worshiping or praying, they were greedy for money.*

What do you do when you are displeased?

What are ways we might displease Jesus?
*Being selfish or disrespectful, not obeying, lying, cheating, hurting others, being greedy...
The kids know the difference between right and wrong... Let them answer this.*

How can we honor Jesus today?

Questions for younger children

What did Jesus send his disciples to get for him?

What were people waving as He came by, and do you remember what they were saying?

Why were they saying that?
They loved Jesus and were praising Him.

When do we do something kind of like that?
In church when we are worshiping. Some people even raise their hands, like they're waving palm branches...

Why did Jesus turn over tables and run people out of the temple?
Because the people were using the temple for the wrong things. They were using it to sin, and God wanted it to be a place for worship.

Did he do that all the time?

No. Only in HIS house.

PRAYER:

Encourage the children to each say one thing they are thankful for (in order to worship), using this sentence: "Thank you God for _____ Fill in the blank _____."

When they have each participated, close with a prayer like this:

Dear Jesus, thank you for all you did for us - going to Jerusalem knowing you would die, showing us that it is important to worship you.

We love you and are thankful you loved us enough to die on the cross. We're very happy you rose again on Easter morning so we can live with you forever.

Please come into our hearts and show us how to honor and please you. Amen.

MEMORY VERSE:

Younger children:

Matthew 21:5

Your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey.

Older children:

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in Him will not die but have eternal life.

DRAMA:

Older Children

If there are enough students, break into three groups.

One group acts out Jesus riding on a donkey coming into Jerusalem

One group acts out Jesus clearing the temple.

One group acts out Jesus healing in the temple.

Groups perform in correct sequence.

Discuss – how each group felt about what they acted out, and what the people actually living through the event might have thought and felt.

Also, discuss what the ruling Jews thought of all this. Why might they have been upset enough to kill Jesus?

ACTIVITIES:

See attached worksheets, etc.

ART:

See attached Coloring Page etc.
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