

## 7th Grade New Testament (Gospels)

**Lesson Plan:** The Triumphal Entry (Luke 19:28-44)

**Learning Goals:** Through experiential story-telling, students will try to imagine what it would have been like to be in Jerusalem at the time of the Passover. Students will also try their hand at taking notes on their own without guided fill-in-the-blanks.

**Question:** Have you ever witnessed a victory parade? When? Where?  
(hopefully we are going to see one next week with the Panthers)

Prayer

Discuss Question on Board

Open with a song “Adonai” by Paul Wilbur

Read Luke 19:28-44

“Baruch Hava B’shem ADONAI”

Hebrew for - “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD”

Jesus is headed to Jerusalem for the last week of his life. He’s going there to celebrate Passover.  
Does anybody remember what Passover is?

Passover

- Story of the Exodus (arguably *the* pivotal story of the O.T.)
  - Israelites are slaves in Egypt (order to kill the Israelites children)
  - God saves life of Moses - raised in the king’s house
  - God raises Moses to deliver the people
  - Moses goes to Pharaoh - “Let my people go.”
    - Plagues (water to blood, frogs, gnats, flies, livestock dies, hail, locusts)
    - Exodus 12 - Final plague = firstborn children (Israelites told to kill one year old, spotless lamb, place the blood on the posts and lintel of the door, firstborn of Israel saved)
- Every year, this was one of two major festivals that Jews would travel to Jerusalem to celebrate at the temple.

Jerusalem 1st Century

- Unlike the story of Moses, the Israelites are now living in the “Promised Land”
- Similar to the Exodus story, they are under foreign rule.
  - Since arriving, they have been conquered by the Babylonians, taken into exile, returned, ruled by the Persians, the Greeks, and now are being ruled by the Romans. They are again a people in captivity.
- As the people made their pilgrimage up to Jerusalem, they would often sing the Psalms (specifically Psalm 120-134, the “Song of Ascents”)
- Psalm 118 was another Psalm used for the Passover Festival
  - *read Psalm 118:19-29*
  - Sound familiar to our passage for today?
  - “Baruch Hava B’shem ADONAI “  
“Hosanna to the son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.” (What does “Hosanna mean? Hosanna = “save us”)

Summary:

- People are living under oppressive occupation.
- They are celebrating a feast memorializing the deliverance from the Egyptians
- They are looking for a deliverer and probably have heard about this man who teaching in parables about the “kingdom of God” and how this kingdom has come.
- And in comes Jesus.

But Jesus doesn’t just walk in with the pilgrims.

In fact, this is one of the only times Jesus rides at all.

He comes in on “a colt” - it wasn’t even his colt (the disciples took somebody else’s colt)

Irony Picture

- Jesus, who is the king, should be riding on a war horse
- Instead, he rides on a working animal
- Demonstration of Humility
- Extension of the question we asked back at Jesus’ Baptism - “Now that God has proclaimed that you are the Messiah, what kind of Messiah are you going to be?”

Prophetic Connection

- It is no accident that Matthew includes these details about how Jesus enters the city.
- Matthew is doing some serious theology at this point.
- Read Zechariah 9:9-13
- This is a prophetic passage about the Messiah and the day when God is going to set all things straight.
- Yes the enemies are ruling over us now, but God is going to show up as a warrior and fight (vs. 14-17), winning the battle on behalf of his chosen people.

Summary:

- People are living under oppressive occupation.
- They are celebrating a feast memorializing the deliverance from the Egyptians
- They are looking for a deliverer.
- And now here comes Jesus, but he’s not telling parables about the kingdom anymore. No, now he’s acting them out. Now they are becoming reality.
- Can’t you sense the disciples getting excited? - “this is what we’ve been waiting for!”
- Can’t you sense the crowd getting excited? - “God is delivering on his promise!”
- “Baruch Hava B’shem ADONAI!”
- “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!”

People Start praising

- Not because of Jesus’ identity (they should have praised him for this)
- Not because of the fulfilled prophecies (though they should have)
- Instead, they praise Jesus because of the miracles and mighty works they have seen
- They’ve missed it (missed exactly who Jesus is); they’ve only gotten part of it

Pharisee response:

- “Teacher - tell your disciples to be quiet”
- In other words, “Don’t let them say these blasphemous things about you.”

But Jesus says, “They can’t be quiet. If they were, a Rock Concert might break out in here.”

- If these people were silent, even the stone would cry out
- God has created the world to praise him and bring glory to him

- To fail to do so is to be less than we are create to be

Summary:

- People are living under oppressive occupation.
- They are celebrating a feast memorializing the deliverance from the Egyptians
- They are looking for a deliverer.
- And now here comes Jesus, acting out this parable.
  - The people proclaim: “Baruch Hava B’shem ADONAI!”  
“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!”
  - The Pharisees are bothered by this and try to stop it.
  - But this is Jesus’ time.  
(Remembered the Secrecy motif we’ve talked about? After his miracles, Jesus has said time and again, “Shh! Don’t tell anyone.” But here, his message has changed. “They can’t be quiet. Even if the people are quiet, the rocks will cry out.”)

This is the main point: The final week has begun.  
 Everything has been building up to this moment.  
 This is the fulfillment of Jesus’ ministry.  
 This is fullness of time.  
 Everything is finally right.  
 This is the climax of Jesus’ earthly ministry.  
 This is his time.

“Hosanna! Baruch Hava B’shem ADONAI!”  
 (Save us! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.)

Jesus Weeps over Jerusalem / Foreshadowing the destruction of Jerusalem

If time “The Guy With the Donkey” from Max Lucado’s *And The Angels Were Silent*

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**Lesson Summary/Review:**

Students should review and highlight the following vocabulary terms and concepts from this lesson in their notes:

- Triumphal Entry
- Hosanna
- How is the Triumphal Entry connected to Old Testament prophecies?
- In class, we talked about the “first rock concert” - what did we mean by that?