MAR 29

JESUS' TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

Matthew 21; Mark 11; Luke 19; John 12

 Jesus and His disciples were approaching Bethphage and Bethany, two villages on the way to **the great city of Jerusalem. He sent two of the disciples ahead, saying,** "As you enter the village, **you will find a young donkey** tied there, **on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it.** And if anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say this: 'The Lord needs it.'"

 They went ahead and found it just as Jesus had told them. When the owners said, "Why are you untying the donkey?", they replied, "The Lord needs it."

 This took place so that the prophecy would be fulfilled that says, "See, your King is coming to you, gentle, and mounted on a donkey."

 The two disciples brought the donkey to Jesus, threw their clothes on it, **and helped Jesus get on it. As He was going along, a large crowd of people spread their clothes on the road and cut palm branches from trees to place on the road as well. They said,** "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! **Hosanna in the highest heaven!"**

 Some of the Pharisees were upset and **asked Jesus to tell the people to be quiet. Jesus replied, "If they were to keep silent, the stones would cry out."**

 As Jesus approached the city, He cried for it. He said, "Because you will not recognize the time when God visits you, sad days will come. Enemies will build a barricade around you and will crush you and destroy the city." **He was sad for the people because of the consequences that would come for not recognizing Him as God and Savior.**

 The Pharisees saw the way the people praised Jesus as King because they had seen Him do miracles like raising Lazarus from the dead. **They said** to one another, "See? **We have accomplished nothing to stop the people from following Jesus. The world has gone after Him!"**

Christ Connection: *The people welcomed Jesus as King, but they did not recognize Him as their Savior. Jesus calls all people to trust in Him as Savior and Lord. When we do, we will be saved from sin and death.*