

God and Man Through the Bible – Session 18

Last Week of Jesus – John 12:1;12-15; Matthew 26:14-25; Matthew 26:26-30

Introduction

Although there are many more stories and teachings of Jesus that we could explore, in this lesson we will begin to focus in on the last week of Jesus. As we saw earlier, Jesus is descended from the Jewish kingly line and is a direct descendant of Jesus. As the Chosen One of God, the Messiah, Jesus has a claim to the royal throne of the Jewish people. This claim became a crucial part of the story of the gospel story and here we see His triumphal entry into Jerusalem, fulfilling another ancient prophecy.

The Triumphal Entry - Key Verses: Read: [John 12:1; 12-15](#)

1. What are your first impressions of this event?
2. What feast was coming and where was Jesus?
3. Into which city did Jesus arrive? What was Jesus riding on?
4. Read [Zechariah 9:9](#). Do you think that Jesus was fulfilling this prophecy?
5. Who came to meet Jesus and what did they do? What did they say?
6. They called Jesus the “King of Israel.” Why do you think this is important?
7. Read [John 12:16-19](#). Did everyone understand what was happening? What do you think the Pharisees mean?
8. We have been studying the life of Jesus together. Imagine that you were in that crowd. Based on what you know about Jesus so far, how do you think you would have reacted?

Read: [Matthew 26:14-25](#) Passover Preparations.

9. Who went to the Pharisees to betray Jesus? What did they give him? Why do you think that a man who was so close to Jesus could betray Him?
10. What meal did Jesus celebrate with the disciples? What did Jesus say about Himself and time? What do you think He meant?
11. Did Jesus know what Judas was going to do? If so, why didn't He stop him? How might someone betray Jesus today?

Read: [Matthew 26:26-30](#) The Passover Meal

12. What did Jesus do with the bread? How did He describe it?
13. What did Jesus do with the cup? How did He describe it?
14. What link do you see between this celebration meal and Jesus' death?
15. What do you think Jesus meant when He called this a “new covenant?”
16. Why do you think Jesus said He would not drink this again until the “kingdom?”
17. Where did they go after the meal?
18. Do you think that Jesus knew what was going to happen to Him?
19. Why do you think Jesus' followers still celebrate the “Lord's Supper” or “Communion” today? Have you ever seen Christians meet together to take part in the Lord's Supper?

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Discussion Questions:

Do you see Jesus as a threat or as someone you can trust? Why might someone still think that Jesus is a threat today? Is it safe to believe in Jesus in your home country? Why do you think that some people kill Christians?

True or False

- a. Jesus fulfilled Zechariah's prophecy when He rode into Jerusalem on a donkey.
- b. Judas Escargot betrayed Jesus.
- c. Jesus knew that He would be betrayed.
- d. Jesus broke bread and said it was like his body.
- e. Christians still break bread and drink wine today to remember Jesus.

For Further Reading:

[What is the Meaning and Importance of the Last Supper?](#)