



The Amazing Life of Jesus Christ

Leader's Guide for 2-Hour Class

Lesson #19: Jesus, Judge

Welcome Prayer & Class Review of previous week: Son of David (15 minutes)

Jesus is now entering into **Jerusalem at the time of Passover**. It will be the final week of His ministry. Jesus has no more tender words to the Pharisees, but only sharp criticism. But even as they are plotting to kill him, Jesus continues to reveal who He is. The crowds are wondering, "Will Jesus show up?"

Jesus first stops in **Bethany** at the home of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, whom He recently raised from the dead. Mary pours expensive oil on His feet. Because of this sacrificial act of honor, Jesus says her story will be told all over the world wherever the gospel is preached and will not be forgotten.
When we honor Jesus today, it too will not be forgotten.

Next Jesus goes to the **temple** for a second and final cleansing of the money changers, as the temple had reverted back.

The **children** begin to sing and shout, "**Hosanna to the Son of David!**" as Jesus triumphantly enters the city. This is fulfillment of a promise and prophecy. It is the promise of the Davidic covenant, which says the Messiah will come from the line of David and His kingdom will endure forever, and the prophecy of Zechariah 9:9 (humbly riding on a donkey) and Psalm 8:2 -

"Through the praise of children and infants
you have established a stronghold against your enemies,
to silence the foe and the avenger."

The next morning when Jesus is hungry, He sees a fig tree and curses it. Immediately the tree dies because it had no fruit. This is symbolic of **false believers**, who may look beautiful on the outside but they are dead on the inside.

The crowds surround Jesus, and His soul becomes troubled as His hour is near, and He says, "**Father, glorify your name.**" Then a voice comes out of heaven saying, "I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again." The crowds are wondering what has happened, and Jesus says this voice came not for His sake but for theirs. Then Jesus gives a final invitation to become **sons of light**.

To the pharisees, Jesus gives a series of "**woe's**" – strong language rebuking the religious leaders for hindering others from entering heaven and leading them astray.

We must make sure we do not become a hindrance or a stumbling block to others.

Homework Discussion – In small groups (30 minutes)

Jesus, Son of David

Study 1: The Triumphal Entry	Pg 112: #9, 10, 11
Study 2: The Hour Has Come	Pg 114: #6, 7
Study 3: Jesus Foretells His Death	Pg 116: #2, 3, 4, 7
Study 4: Pharisaism Exposed	Pg 119-120: #5, 6, 7, 8, 15
Study 5: Jesus Laments over Jerusalem	Pg 122-123: #1, 2, 5, 6

Lesson Intro for video: Jesus as Judge (5 minutes)

- When will Jesus come as Judge?
(when He comes again – second coming)
- What is the Olivet Discourse?
(Jesus' speech about the end times, located in Matthew 24-25)

Video Lesson (45 minutes)

Discussion & Table Prayer Requests (20 minutes)

- What is Jesus' message as Judge? Why is it important to us?
- Share prayer requests with your group.

Ending Prayer (5 minutes)