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The King Comes to Jerusalem

Chapter Summary

Jesus' final approach to Jerusalem moves with deliberate, prophetic precision: He seeks and saves the lost, receives messianic welcome, weeps over a hard-hearted city, and asserts holy authority in the temple. Crowds hail Him as King as He rides a colt, leaders bristle, and the city trembles; fig tree and temple scenes bracket His searching questions and fearless teaching. Conflicts sharpen as Jesus exposes hypocrisy and invites genuine repentance, while disciples watch the Scriptures come alive in real time. The atmosphere is charged—mercy for sinners, judgment for pretense, and a timetable set by heaven, not by mobs or magistrates.

These movements reveal a King who fulfills long-promised prophecy without force or spectacle: humble, righteous, and saving. His mission centers on hearts—seeking the outcast, purifying worship, and calling Israel to recognize “the things that make for peace.” Fulfilled prophecy isn't trivia; it's God's track record, anchoring faith when opposition grows. The kingdom advances not by coercion but by truth, compassion, and cross-shaped authority. Those who welcome Him find life; those who refuse Him face the ruin that unbelief always invites.

Main Truth: The promised King arrives—humble, holy, saving...

Jesus' entry, tears, and temple zeal unveil a kingdom that wins by truth and sacrifice, not spectacle. Prophecy anchors faith: God keeps time and promises. The King seeks the lost, confronts corruption, and offers peace before judgment. Welcoming Him means reordered worship, courageous obedience, and hope that holds when pressure mounts. Rejecting Him forfeits peace; receiving Him brings salvation that transforms life and community.

Week 20 Recap

- 1 What was something new you learned last week?
- 2 What stood out the most from this week's study?
- 3 Did you do anything as a result of what you have learned?

Key Scripture

Zechariah 9:9

“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you; righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”



Day 1 – Seeking the Lost

Chapter 21: 1–17

Day 1 Truth:

Jesus seeks and saves the lost.

Day 1 Scripture:

Luke 19:10

“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

Day 1 Prayer:

Lord Jesus, enter my ordinary places as King and Savior; bring repentance that restores relationships and generosity that repairs harm, so Your salvation reshapes my home and habits.

1. What do Jesus’ actions toward the marginalized reveal about His mission?
2. Why does salvation visiting a house reframe status, repentance, and restitution?
3. How does this scene prepare readers for a kingdom unlike political expectation?
4. Where do you need to welcome Jesus’ saving presence into a specific habit or relationship?

Day 2 – Timing and Trust

Chapter 21: 18–20

Day 2 Truth:

The King’s timing tests trust.

Day 2 Scripture:

Luke 19:13

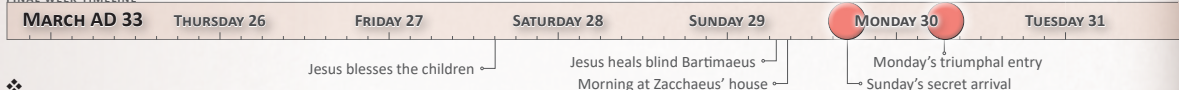
“Put this money to work... until I come back.”

Day 2 Prayer:

Father, teach me patient faithfulness between promise and fulfillment; make my daily stewardship courageous, fruitful, and ready for the King’s return.

5. What story or teaching signals that the King’s arrival requires readiness?
6. How does Jesus correct expectations about immediate glory versus faithful stewardship?
7. Where do warnings and promises sit side-by-side, and why is that pastoral?
8. What faithful, ordinary obedience is Jesus asking of you while you “wait for the King”?

FINAL WEEK TIMELINE





The Jesus Bible Study

Day 3 – The Royal Entrance

Chapter 21: 21–24

9. How does Jesus stage His approach to Jerusalem to declare kingship without violence?

Day 3 Truth:

Humble procession, true kingship.

Day 3 Scripture:

Luke 19:35–36

“They brought it to Jesus... and as he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.”

10. In what ways does the colt, the crowds, and their words echo ancient promises?

Day 3 Prayer:

*Humble King, dethrone my pride;
let my honor for You be practical,
public, and gentle, so my life
becomes a roadway of welcome
for Your presence.*

11. Why does humble procession (not a war horse) clarify the kind of Messiah He is?

12. How could you practice “royal humility” in a tense setting this week?

Day 4 – Jesus Fulfills a 600-Year Prophecy

Chapter 21: Jesus Fulfills a 600 year prophecy (article focus)

13. What specific prophetic details are fulfilled in Jesus’ entry, and why do the details matter?

Day 4 Truth:

Prophecy fulfilled fuels faith.

Day 4 Scripture:

Matthew 21:4–5

“This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet... ‘Your king is coming... humble and mounted on a donkey.’”

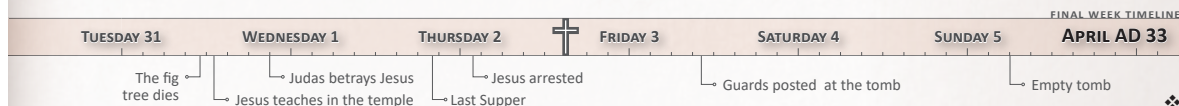
14. How does fulfilled prophecy strengthen trust when circumstances feel chaotic or delayed?

Day 4 Prayer:

*Promise-Keeping God, because
You fulfilled ancient words in
Jesus, steady my heart to act on
Your promises now, trusting Your
calendar more than my clock.*

15. What does this fulfillment teach about God’s sovereignty over rulers, roads, crowds, and calendars?

16. Which promise from God do you need to treat as “already certain,” and how will you act accordingly?



Day 5 Truth:

Tears and holiness cleanse worship.

Day 5 Scripture:

Luke 19:46

“My house shall be a house of prayer.”

Day 5 Prayer:

Lord, grieve me into change; overturn whatever crowds out prayer, and make my life and church a quiet, clean place where Your presence is loved.

Day 5 – Tears and Cleansing

Chapter 21: 25–31

17. Why does the King weep over the city He is about to judge?
18. How do His tears and His cleansing of the temple belong together, not contradict each other?
19. What does this reveal about true worship versus religious commerce and convenience?
20. What “noisy buying and selling” in your life is crowding out prayer—and what will you remove?

Day 6 Truth:

The Cornerstone demands allegiance.

Day 6 Scripture:

Matthew 21:42

“The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.”

Day 6 Prayer:

Jesus, Cornerstone, align my beliefs, motives, and choices with You; keep me from stumbling over Your authority and build me into Your living temple.

Day 6 – Authority and Allegiance

Chapter 21: 32–45

21. What questions expose leaders’ evasions, and how does Jesus answer by parable and wisdom?
22. How does rejected-cornerstone imagery clarify both judgment and the church’s foundation?
23. Where is Jesus’ authority good news—and where does it confront you?
24. What concrete act of allegiance will you practice to align with the Cornerstone?

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