

National Sunday School Lesson

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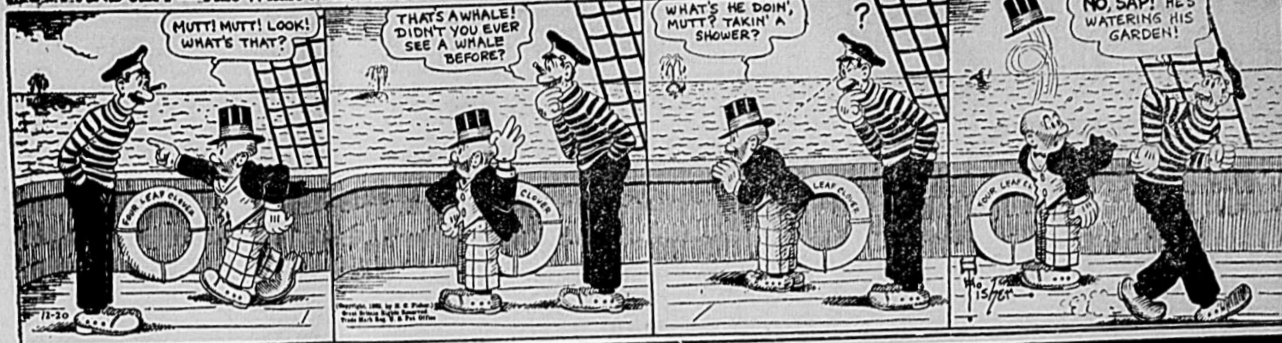
TOPIC FOR MAY 6
ACCLAIMED AS KING
 Lesson: 1:1-14.
 And when they drew nigh to Jerusalem, and came unto the mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying unto them, go into the village that is over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass, and a colt with her: and bring them unto me, and if anyone say aught unto you, ye shall say, the Lord needeth them; and straightway they will send them.
 Now this is come to pass, that all these things might be fulfilled which were written through the prophet, saying, The daughter of Zion, thy King cometh unto thee, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt, the foal of a donkey.
 And the disciples went and as Jesus appointed them, they bought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their garments, and he sat thereon.
 And the most part of the multitude spread their garments on the way; and others spread fawn leaves on the way.
 And the multitudes that went before him, and that followed him, saying, Hosanna to the Lord, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
 And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, Who is this?
 And the multitudes said, This is the prophet, Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.
 And Jesus entered into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the money-changers and seats of them that sold the doves.
 And he saith unto them, written, My house shall be a house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of robbers.
 And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them.
Lesson Text:—Wherefore also highly exalted him, and gave him the name which is above every name.—Phil. 2:9.
Memory:—Sunday, April 2, A. D. the last Sunday of Christ's life in the flesh.
Text:—Jerusalem.
Parallel Passages:—Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:29-44; John 12:12-15.

INTRODUCTION
 We have now reached the last week of Christ's earthly life. Matthew here omits several incidents: the visit to Zacchaeus the publican and his conversion (Luke 19:1-10); the parable of the pounds (Luke 19:11-28); the arrival of Jesus and his disciples at the home of Mary, Martha and Lazarus in Bethany on the eastern slope of the Mount of Olives, where he was lovingly entertained during the week of his last journey (John 12:1); the feast given him at the house of Simon leper, when Mary anointed his head and feet with the precious spikenard and so aroused the envious indignity of Judas (Mark 14:3-9; John 12:1-11, recorded also later by Matthew, at 26:6-13). This took place after sunset, at the close of Christ's last Sabbath in the flesh.
Sunday Before Jesus' Death
 We come now to the events of the final Sunday, the first day of

the week. He set forth, with his disciples, from the little village of Bethany, "the house of dates," about fifteen furlongs, nearly two miles from Jerusalem. "And came unto Bethphage." "The house of figs," a little village near Bethany in the northern road over the Mount of Olives. "Unto the Mount of Olives." Or, Olivet, a four peaked hill 2,723 feet above sea level at the highest, rising east of Jerusalem, separated from it by the deep valley of the Kidron. It has its name from the olive orchards which formerly covered it. "Then Jesus sent two disciples." Very likely Peter and John, who seem to have gone together on such errands—the youngest and probably the oldest of the Twelve, firm friends, bound together by their pure love of the Lord.

"The Lord Hath Need of Them" v. 3.
 "This is a claim which can only be interpreted in one way—namely, that Christ was all along the true owner of the ass and the colt, and that the apparent owner was but his bailliff. He claims what he has lent for awhile. He resumes what has always been his own; we hear the voice of the Being to whom man owes all that he is and has, 'whose we are and whom we serve, (Acts 27:23)'.—Canon H. P. Liddon. The Lord indeed has need of the lowliest of his creatures. Not a boy or a girl, not the poorest or least educated, but can give the Lord something of which he has need, something that he will value and that will rejoice his heart. "And straightway he will send them." Thus quickly, gladly, and without question must we yield up in Christ's dear service whatever he asks for—of our time, our talents, our possessions. These are never really ours until they become his, to do with as he will.
"Thy King Cometh." v. 5.
 Jesus was indeed the King of Jews, and far more than that, he was the king of the whole earth, "the King of kings and Lord of lords." He combined all the attributes of royalty. "It was right that Christ should enter Jerusalem as a king, for he was the blood royal, and upon his shoulders God had placed the government of the people. It was divinely fit that he should move on to the capital in the manner he chose, for he was king, not by virtue of martial conquest, but by reason of his sovereignty over the souls of men. The animal he selected for his royal progress was significant. The horse would have been too closely identified in popular thought with warlike demonstrations. The ass would convey no such misleading suggestions. Yet princes and nobles had not scorned to employ it. Thus humility and dignity was blended in the choice of the colt on which Jesus rode into Jerusalem. He was the Prince of Peace, and he came to the City of Peace with lovely grandeur."—Rev. George P. Eckman, D. D.
A Prophecy Fulfilled, vs. 4-5 Zech. 9:9-17.
 The prophet Zachariah saw the coming King with clear eyes. He spoke of him with the utmost particularity. He bore witness five centuries before the event to Christ's coming, his suffering, his betrayal, the purchase of the potter's field with the thirty pieces of silver, and other incidents relating to Christ's passion. It was meet that he should also predict his triumph. It is not in Zachariah alone, however, that clear prophecies of the Messiah are found. They are everywhere in the Old

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 And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them." The blessed ministry of physical healing, sprung from our Lord's pity, which was so conspicuous a feature of his three years of ministry, we see continued by him in the last week of it. With the burden of the whole world's sin pressing even more heavily upon him, he found time and strength for individual troubles; and so it is with him still.

The Vanished White Faces
 I am a Lassie that grew up on the Plains, Where we raised our crops two days from the trains, Our freight teams were not moving picture actors, But now we use trucks and fast moving tractors. Some times when I look over our great green fields, My heart aches for our Prairies so marred by lugged wheels, No plowed dirt blowned when we herded White Faces, Over clean mesquite grass in our great open spaces. When the tourist admires the golden grain that blows, I remember the pink in a baby White Face's nose, More beautiful by far than the wheat fields that wave, Were the great herds of cattle and our cowboys brave. Gone are the timid Antelope with their graceful white pillows, Driven swiftly and surely with the waving green billows, Of ten thousand acres of dark green wheat, Then farmers started raising herds of hogs for their meat. The radio now brings us the cowboy's song But to the Pioneer woman it sounds all wrong, Far away from the noise and smoke of the town, We loved the quiet ranch when the sun had gone down. Then our cowboy sweetheart so happy and gay Came riding in for his supper at the close of the day. His song without banjo, uke or guitar, Gave us happiness excelling any other, by far. More thrilling than any song our combines sing, Or the chug chug of tractors that make our ears ring, Prosperity has often smiled on our beloved Plains, Millions in money have been her just gains. High test in protein have been awarded our wheat Our milo, oats and barley are plenty hard to beat, But my heart often aches for the White Faced band That once grazed so peaceful on our unplowed land. —Gladys Close Buchner.

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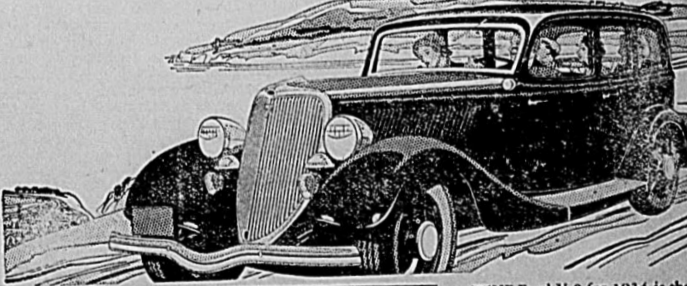
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