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Judul : Jesus Is Praised – The Triumphal Entry

Bahan Alkitab: Mat 21:1-17; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:39-44, John 12:12-19

Ringkasan Bahan SM:

Points of Learning:

I.

Cognitive: Jesus entering Jerusalem on a donkey fulfills the prophecy of the ideal king bringing salvation and peace to his people. He conquered the true enemies of sin and death.

Affective: Children realised that Jesus is the King who frees us from the reign & power of sin and death.

Psychomotor: Children should live in righteousness and obedience to God.

II.

Cognitive: Many people praised Jesus for the great things He had done but the priests and religious leaders were jealous and angry.

Affective: Children realised that people who trust in Jesus as Lord will be able to praise God.

Psychomotor: Children count God's blessings and praise Him daily.

Introduction: Suppose a newcomer comes to your class. He's so annoying. How do you feel? If he also likes to take or break your things, what do you expect? Surely you want someone to come to your rescue, right?

Background of story: Let's look at the historical timeline of the kingdom of Israel. Ruled by ruler after ruler, the Jews desperately wanted the promised Messiah to come soon & deliver them from their enemies.

Now in Jesus' day, the Jewish nation was under Roman occupation. So, for them the Romans were enemies and had to be driven from their land. Who do they hope to be the King of deliverance?

I.

When Jesus enter Jerusalem riding on a colt, this fulfilled the prophesy at Zech 9:9 And the huge crowds spread their cloaks and palm branches on the road following Him and shouted: "Hosanna to the Son of David!" (Mat 21:8-9) The word Hosanna means "Save us, we pray" where the people addressing Jesus as their King who would rescue them from the Romans. By waving palm branches (a Jewish national symbol) the people hail Jesus as the Davidic king (Ps 118:25–26) hoping that Jesus is the promised Messiah. Most of the crowd probably understood the title King of Israel in a political and military sense, still hoping that Jesus would use his amazing powers to resist Roman rule and lead the nation to independence.

But Jesus comes with a colt revealing He is the Prince of Peace; His kingdom is the spiritual kingdom. He did not come on a horse to fight because He came to bring salvation from sin and peace with God to His people.

In Luke 19:41-44 and Mat 23:37; Jesus wept/lamented over Jerusalem to see how sinful the people were. The people loved their sins and trusted to their righteousness instead of accepting Jesus as Savior. It saddens Jesus to see how blind the people were. So, instead of victory from Roman rule, Jesus was the promised Messiah who came to give freedom from the power & bondage of sin and give life in righteousness.

Did you know that Jesus came to save us from our true "enemies"? The enemies are the bondage of sin and the power of death.

If you have accepted Jesus as your Savior, do you live in righteousness and obedience to God?

II.

The Disciples, crowds and even children praising Jesus for great things He had done. But the religious leaders were angry to Jesus. They do not praise God but are envy, jealous and selfish. Seeing so many people following and praising Jesus, they wanted to kill him even more.

In Mat 21:16 when the priests were angry to hear children praise Jesus, He quoted Psalm 8: 2 that God puts praise in the mouths of children. Jesus valued praise even from the weak and humble.

In Luke 19:39-40 When the priests furious to hear the multitude praise God, Jesus answered:"... the very stones would cry out." This tells us that all creation was made to worship him. He is the King and Lord of all who is worthy of worship and praise.

Luke 19:47 Those who do not believe in God can only have hatred and always want to do evil things. But people who trust in God will be able to see God's glory and praise God in the right ways.

Do you see God's many blessings in your life every day and praise Him, especially your salvation?

Questions to ponder:

1. What did the Jews expect from the coming of the Messiah?
2. What did Jesus reveal by riding a colt into Jerusalem?
3. Who are our true enemies?
4. What praises we can give Jesus today?

Ayat Hafalan: Psalms 34:1 I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.