

# Church

## Jesus' humble entry into the city of Jerusalem reaccounted for his people Sunday school lesson

### ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM

(Luke 19:28-44)

"Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest."

The time of today's Biblical event was A.D. 30. On commentarian described the scene in these words. "It was springtime in Israel—the first month of the year, about the time we call April. Wild flowers were blooming golden by the roadside, and even springing beautifully from the cracks of the stone walls; the brilliant sun was warming the stone walls.

Every road was thronged with happy people moving toward Jerusalem for the feast of the passover, which came in the middle of the month. Especially congested was the road where Jesus walked, for every-

one wanted to be with the miracle worker who thrilled them with His matchless teaching." (Unquote) Such was the scene on this day. Jesus was on His final trip to Jerusalem, and just a few days hence would suffer the agonies of the cross.

For several weeks Jesus had been teaching in the area east of the Jordan River, loosely called Perea. For three years He had known that the day would come when He would make this eventful journey. For months now He had attempted to teach His Apostles that He must die on the cross. Jesus and His followers crossed the Jordan River opposite Jericho and proceeded through the town. He paused to give sight to a blind man, and, farther on, to give spiritual forgiveness to a short man,

Zacchaeus, a chief tax collector for the Roman government. Afterwards He taught the throng of followers a lesson about faithful stewardship through a parable. He proceeded on to Bethpage and Bethany, just over the Mount of Olives, about two miles from Jerusalem.

### JESUS' TRANSPORTATION

(Luke 19:28-35)

Jesus rested in Bethany from the time He arrived on Friday until Sunday. Preparation was made for his triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Most likely, even His closest followers didn't know, at this time, the magnitude of this event. The King of the kingdom of heaven would formally enter the city of Zion—thus everyone would know that the kingdom of heaven was indeed "at hand."

Except for the few times that Jesus traveled by boat, on the Sea of Galilee, He had made His way back and forth through Palestine on foot. It is significant then that He chose to enter Jerusalem on a donkey; a colt which had not been ridden.

### JESUS' TRIUMPH

(Luke 19:36-40)

When Jesus, and a multitude of followers, left Bethany for Jerusalem, some very unusual things began to happen. They may not have known the extent of Jesus' act but they recognized that a great and glorious event was taking place. The people removed their outer garments and spread them in the pathway.

As the procession neared Jerusalem the multitude of disciples began

to shout praises to God, and to rejoice for all the mighty works which Jesus did, saying, "Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest." (Vs. 38)

Some Pharisees among the crowd asked Jesus to rebuke His disciples and to quiet them and Jesus replied, "If these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out." (Vs 40) That crowd had "Joy unspeakable and full of glory"—as the hymn says.

### JESUS' TEARS

(Luke 19:41-44)

The Scripture records twice when Jesus wept. At the death of His friend, Lazarus, and again, this day, when He approached the Jerusalem

gate. The Messiah had come but Jesus' people, the Jews, would not accept Him. Instead, within the week, the Jewish leaders would instigate His death, but more than that, Jesus looked just forty years into the future, (70 A.D.) and saw Jerusalem, the city of God, laid waste. King Solomon's temple, the Lord's house, would be destroyed along with much of it's people. Jesus was saddened because it could all have been different. (Lesson based on the International Sunday School Lessons)

## World day of prayer scheduled for March 6th

World Day of Prayer celebrates its Centennial on Friday, March 6 at 4:00 p.m. in the Hertford Baptist Church proclaiming the theme, "Come and Rejoice." A 100 year old prayer movement of global dimensions, the World Day Of Prayer is a worldwide expression of mutual prayer and Christian unity. It uniqueness lies in the fact that its expression is found in local communities and its leadership in laywomen of the church. World Day Of Prayer, begun in the United States in 1887 as a

day of prayer for mission, has developed into a movement in which Christians in some 170 countries and regions of the world gather each year to observe a common day of prayer. The same theme and worship service is shared and translated into hundreds of languages and dialects. In many countries, the event serves as a catalyst for women to come together as they work to bring about changes in their lives.

An International committee chosen from each of eight major regions of

the world, was formed in 1967 to assume responsibility for the global administration of World Day Of Prayer. It was this committee of women who wrote the Centennial worship materials. In May of 1986, the International Committee gathered for the first time in the United States, making it possible for participants from all over the world to attend the global celebration of the World Day Of Prayer. Centennial at Riverside Church in New York City on May 18, 1986.

Church Women United (CWU), since its founding in 1941, has been the official sponsor of World Day Of Prayer in the United States and has assumed responsibility for the preparation and distribution of World Day Of Prayer resources and materials throughout the world. CWU is the ecumenical movement that brings Protestant, Roman Catholic and Orthodox women together into one Christian community of prayer, advocacy and service. It represents a broad spectrum of religious tradi-

tion, race, age, economic status and ethnic background and works through a national unit, 52 state units (including ones in Greater Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico) and 1,300 local units. World Day Of Prayer offerings make possible, in part, the mission of Church Women United including the Intercontinental Grants for Mission program that funds national and international projects in support of the empowerment of women, human rights, justice and peace.

## Area church news

### First Baptist schedule

The First Baptist Church Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. with Superintendent Mrs. R.B. Gibbs. Morning worship starts at 11:00 a.m. Pastor: J.H. London, Jr. is preaching from the subject: "Understanding The Holy Spirit" John 14:26.

The young adult choir will sing under the direction of Donald McClain, Organist.

Prayer meeting and Bible Study is Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

### Chorus to celebrate

The Galatia Missionary Baptist Church Male Chorus will celebrate their anniversary Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. and the First Baptist Missionary Church will be the special

guest. The Rev. J.H. London will be preaching from the subject "How Much Do You Love God?" Genesis 22:2. The senior choir will sing. The Rev. George Harper is Host Pastor.

### Music program scheduled

Chapel On The Sound at Holiday Island invites the public to "In Evening of Sacred Music" by Carol Mae Donald of Chantilly, Va. The program is

at 7:30 on Sat., 28th of Feb. with a reception to follow. Everyone is welcome!

## Conferences set for COA

College of The Albemarle is one of 18 community colleges across North Carolina that have been designated as receiving sites for four satellite teleconferences featuring personal and professional training programs for institutional staffs and the public-at-large.

The first program in the monthly series, "Achieving Personal Excellence," is scheduled from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. today (Thursday), Feb. 26 in the lecture auditorium on the North Road Street campus. The seminar will be led by Cavett Award winner Ty Boyd who has been recognized as one of America's most dynamic speakers and communications consultants. Other teleconferences will be held at the college in March, April, and May.

Lucy Gordon, COA Small Business Center director, explained that the teleconferences are specifically related to improving the competencies of educators and staffs throughout the community college system. "Teleconferencing enables us to share the talents and skills of resource persons whom we could not possibly present in person at multiple

sites across the state," the SBC director said.

She pointed out that the private sector is achieving significant savings by conducting a large part of its in-service training by teleconference. "The wise use of the taxpayer's money dictates that those of us in the public sector also should follow that lead," said Gordon.

COA president Dr. Parker Chesson said the pioneering series of teleconferences is part of an overall effort by the North Carolina Department of Community Colleges to carry out the General Assembly's intent to deliver new and innovative means for faculty and staff training.

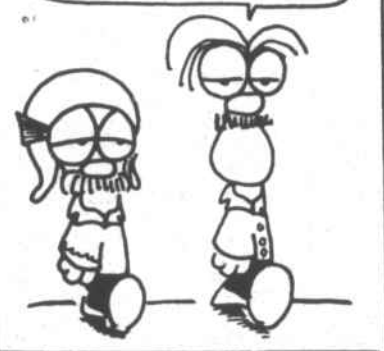
Each teleconference will consist of three segments. Beginning at 1:30 p.m., the seminar portion of the program will be preceded by a half-hour of entertainment by visiting artists or other musicians artists or other musicians who are affiliated with the community college system. Following the workshop, DCC president Robert W. Scott will appear onscreen to answer questions relayed by telephone.

## Scraps

WHAT WE NEED IS LESS GOVERNMENT AND MORE RUGGED INDIVIDUALISM!



ARE YOU WILLING TO GIVE UP YOUR GOVERNMENT JOB?



I'M NOT THAT RUGGED!



## SORROW AND REPENTANCE

George Wilmore Pastor  
Mt. Sinai Baptist Church

There is one way to avoid sorrow, avoid sin. Even then sympathy will arouse sorrow on account of sin of others. As long as there is evil in the world there will be tears and sorrow. It is not the sorrow which is to be regretted, but the sin which is its cause.

"For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of; but the sorrow of the world worketh death." (II Cor. 7:10).

The ungodly may sorrow because they have sinned. What are the characteristics of this sorrow? When the irreligious are rebuked or chastened for wrong-doing, their vanity is wounded, anger is aroused, resentment is built up and, of course, an excuse must be made. Times have changed, everyone else is doing it, I just thought I could do it one time to see how it felt. The outcome of this sorrow is death; instead of being profitable, it is a no win situation, drawing the thoughts away from the moral heinousness of sin, and confining the sinner in courses whose only end is spiritual death.

The sorrow which is godly is occasioned by the recognition of the sin as an offense against the Divine Law. "Against thee, thee only, have I sinned." Godly sorrow recognizes that sin grieves the Divine heart. As a tender child grieves to hear his father's spirit, so a truly sensitive nature is pained in grieving our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Jesus suffered on the cross, that's enough. Let us not abuse the grace of God.

The repentance to which godly sorrow leads is a change of mind and purpose. It is a turning from temptation, excuse making, even societies whims, to a God who has been revealed to us in Jesus Christ.

Godly sorrow and true repentance issue salvation. To be sorry for sin and turn from it only leads one place, Jesus Christ.

"I am the way, the truth and the Life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

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Many many thanks to each of you who shared your love and concern with me and my family while I was a patient in Albemarle Hospital and since my return home. Your cards, calls, visits, donations, flowers, food, and most of all your prayers will always be treasured. May God bless you more abundantly.  
Vanora Brickhouse Brothers

The family of the late Mrs. Laura W. Fesperman would like to express our sincere thanks for the many acts of kindness extended to us during the illness and death of my wife, mother and grandmother. Thank you for the many prayers, food, floral arrangements, the telephone calls and cards.  
Special thanks to the Rev. Henry Bizzell, Jr., and members of the Hertford United Methodist and our neighbors and many friends.  
Ray Fesperman,  
Victor Fesperman and Family

Dear friends,

How long is it normal to mourn the loss of a loved one? Not for a week or two, as some people think. The first few weeks are most painful, however the process of accepting the reality of death, and adjusting to the loss, usually requires months—often up to two years. It takes considerable time to rebuild ones life after the death of a dearly loved one.

Respectfully,  
*Henry S. Deel*

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