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to Save Us**

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His Searching Love

Draw a line to match the person with the place where Jesus found him or her.



Peter
(Matthew 4:18)

Nathanael
(John 1:50)

The Samaritan woman
(John 4:6–7, 9–10)

Zacchaeus
(Luke 19:4–5)

The boy Samuel
(1 Samuel 3:3, 10)

Saul
(Acts 9:3–5)

a. under a fig tree

b. in the temple

c. tending his fishing nets

d. by a well

e. on the road to Damascus

f. perched in a sycamore tree

Jesus and Zacchaeus

Luke
19:1–10



Read **Luke 19:1–10**.
Write the letter in each space to indicate about whom the verse is talking.
P = People; J = Jesus;
Z = Zacchaeus

Luke 19:1 ____ was passing through Jericho.

Luke 19:2 ____ was a rich chief tax collector.

Luke 19:3 ____ sought to see who Jesus was.

Luke 19:4 ____ climbed up into a sycamore tree.

Luke 19:5 ____ joined Zacchaeus for dinner.

Luke 19:7 ____ grumbled.

Luke 19:8 ____ offered to give money to the poor.

Luke 19:9 ____ said, "Today salvation has come to this house."

Read

Read **Luke 19:1–9** to answer the questions.

What was Zacchaeus's job?

Why didn't the Jews like him?

Why couldn't Zacchaeus come to Jesus?

Why did Jesus call Zacchaeus down from the tree?

Name three ways you are like Zacchaeus.

Who loves both you and Zacchaeus?



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Look

Tax Collectors

Like our government today, Romans collected taxes to pay for roads, aqueducts, military, and other things needed to run a country.

How do you think the Jews felt about paying taxes?



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Sinners

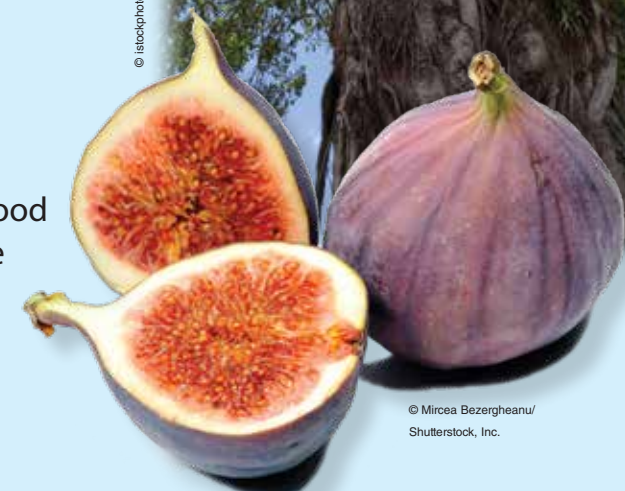
The Jews shunned or avoided tax collectors because of their constant contact with non-Jews and foreigners. The Pharisees grumbled about Jesus eating at Zacchaeus's house.

Why were people like Zacchaeus disliked in Jesus' day?

Getting a Lift

The Bible says Zacchaeus was short compared with other men; that posed a problem when he tried to see Jesus. Zacchaeus climbed a sycamore tree that stood close to the path Jesus was taking. This tree is not the kind of sycamore tree we see in North America, but a variety of fig tree.

In what other way was Zacchaeus "shorter" than other men?



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Jericho

Jericho was a large city in Jesus' time. Jericho is one of the oldest known cities of the world. It is also the lowest, about eight hundred feet below sea level. Two international trade routes ran north and south through Palestine. These two routes were connected by a highway that ran east and west through Jericho and Jerusalem.

The tax potential here was great. Why might that be?



Coins

Most of the coins referred to in the New Testament were coins of the Roman government. The most common was the silver denarius, which bore the likeness of Caesar Tiberius. This coin was used to pay taxes to the Roman government. One denarius bought twelve loaves of bread; four purchased a lamb.



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At Home

Things to talk about at home

1. Have you ever missed out on a special event? How did you feel? What did you do?
2. Talk about how we support our government today by paying taxes. How does our government use our taxes?
3. What kinds of people are seen as "sinners" in our world today? How can we reach out to these people with the Gospel of salvation?

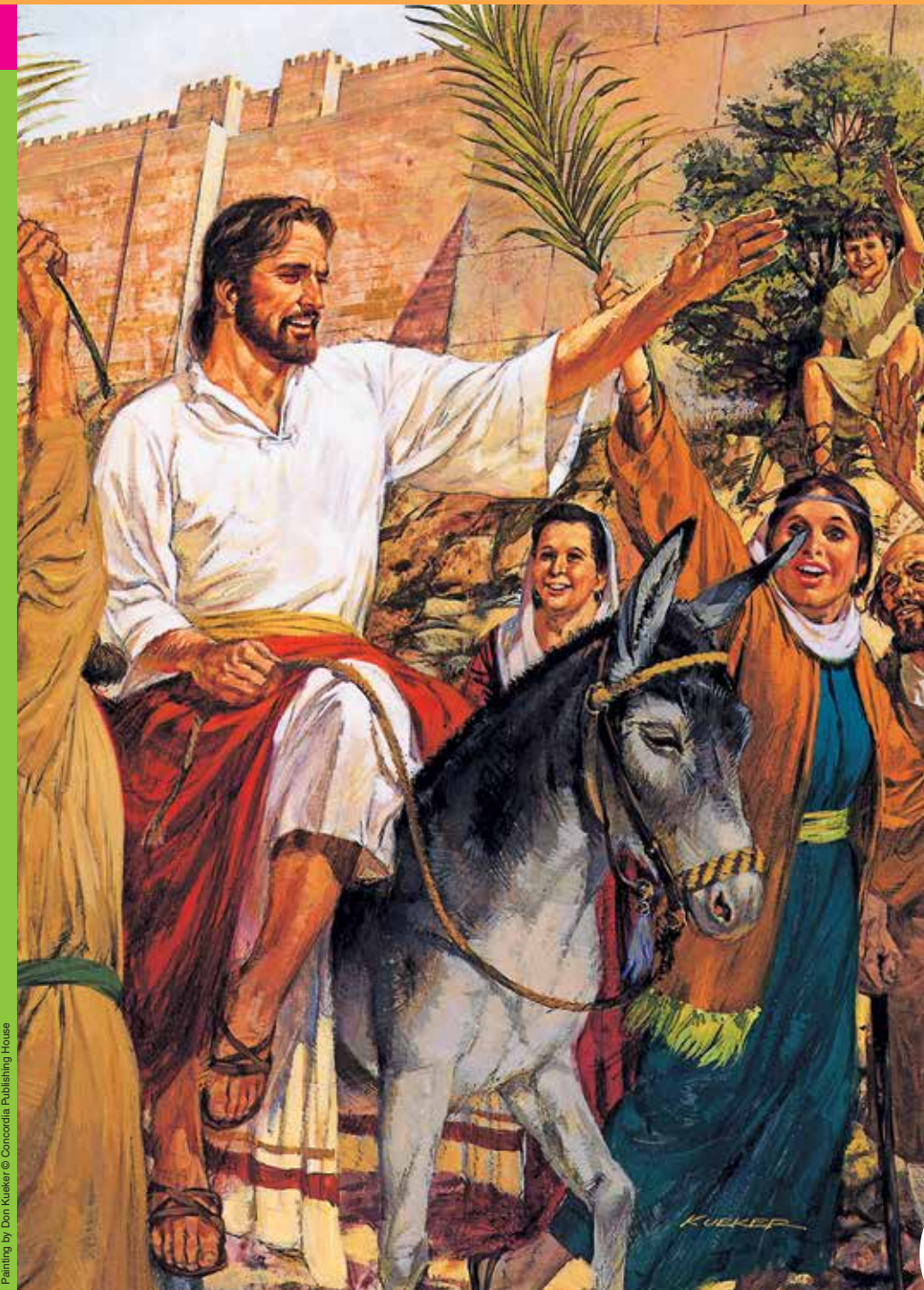
Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday was not the only "parade" in the Bible. Match each of the Bible references below to the event.

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| ___ 1. Joshua 3:14–4:12 | a. David danced and celebrated as the priests brought the ark of the covenant to Jerusalem. |
| ___ 2. Joshua 6:1–21 | b. The Israelite women danced and sang to welcome home the victorious Saul and David. |
| ___ 3. 1 Samuel 18:5–9 | c. Jesus disrupted a funeral procession in the city of Nain. |
| ___ 4. 2 Samuel 6:12–19;
1 Chronicles 15:25–16:3 | d. The children of Israel marched around Jericho for seven days, and the walls fell down. |
| ___ 5. 2 Chronicles 20:27–28 | e. Singers and musicians celebrated the rededication of the wall in Jerusalem. |
| ___ 6. Nehemiah 12:27–43 | f. The Israelites crossed the Jordan River into the Promised Land. |
| ___ 7. Luke 7:11–17 | g. Paul was safely taken to Caesarea while protected by 470 soldiers. |
| ___ 8. Luke 23:26–27 | h. Jehoshaphat and the victorious army returned to Jerusalem. |
| ___ 9. Acts 23:20–32 | i. Jesus was led to His crucifixion through the streets of Jerusalem. |



The Triumphant Entry

Mark 11:1–10;
Luke 19:28–40



Jesus sent two of His disciples and said to them, "Go into the village and immediately you will find a colt tied. Untie it and bring it." They went away and found a colt and they untied it. They brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and He sat on it. Many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. Those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"



He [Jesus] answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out." Luke 19:40

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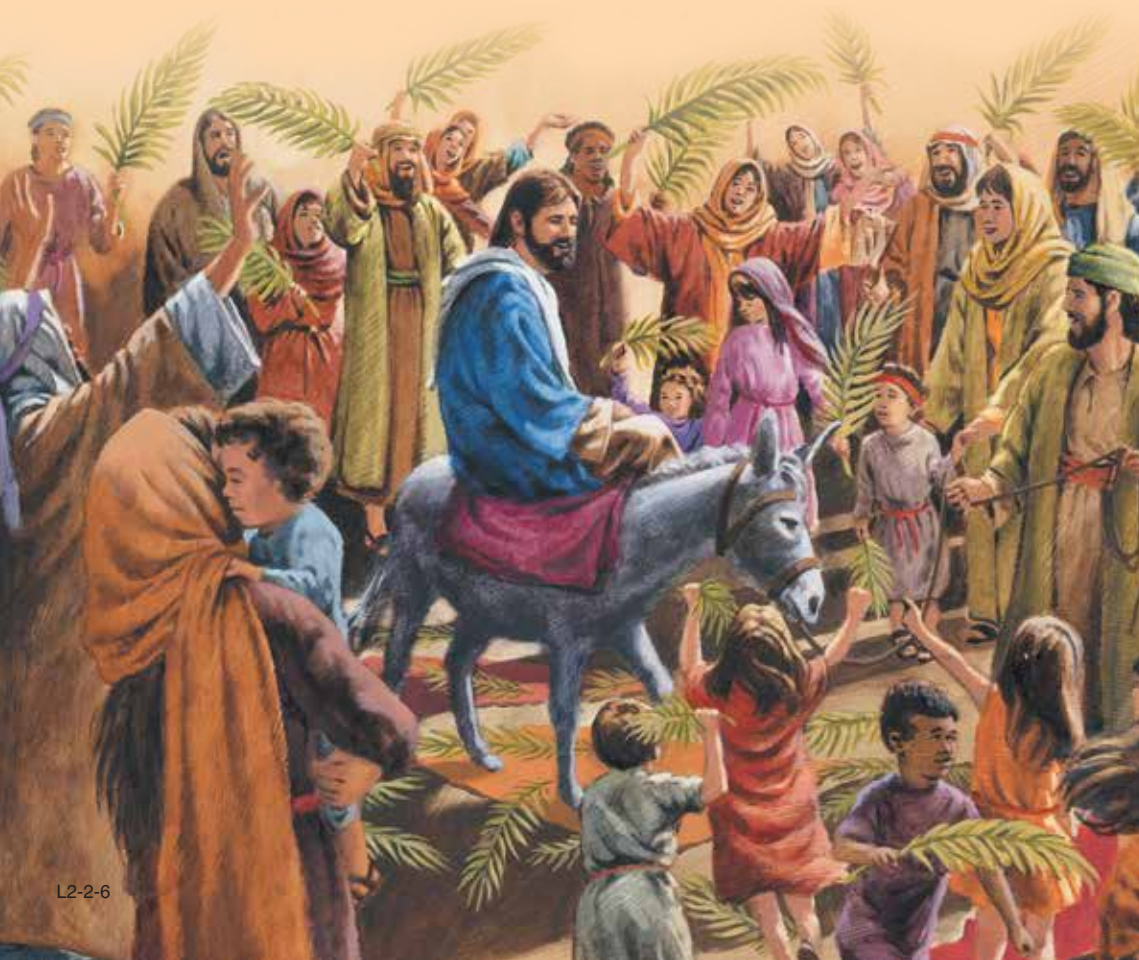
What really happened? Check the facts. Open your Bibles to **Luke 19:28–40**. Find the mistakes in the paragraphs below. Change the words or phrases to set the record straight.

On the way to Jericho, Jesus sent four of His disciples to go to the village. He told them they would find a goat that no one had ever sat on before.

He said, "Tie it and bring it to Bethany. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you tying it?' you shall sing this: 'The Lord has need of it.'"

On the way into Jerusalem, some people threw their money on the road as Jesus passed. As Jesus got closer to the city, the crowd started to praise God loudly. "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace on earth and glory in the highest!" they said.

Some of the other kings in the crowd told Jesus to tell the disciples to stop. Jesus answered them, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very trees would cry out."



Victorious Roman generals were celebrated with a Triumph procession through the streets of Rome, ending at the Roman Senate. The general rode in a chariot pulled by as many as four horses.



Senators, trumpeters, enemy captives, treasures captured during the battle, white bulls for sacrifice, and the general's bodyguards led the procession. Following the general's chariot would be his family, officers, and his troops.

The general's face would be painted red to imitate the red-painted face of the statue of Mars, the god of war.

Things to talk about at home

1. Have you ever been to a parade? How was the parade you saw similar to or different from Jesus' entry into Jerusalem in today's lesson?
2. Talk about ways your family could celebrate the victory Jesus won for us on the cross.
3. Learn to fold a palm leaf into a cross. See videos available online to learn how.

The general wore special clothing for the Triumph including a crimson embroidered tunic and toga, special shoes, and ornaments of ivory, silver, or gold. On his head, he wore a laurel wreath or crown.

