



SCRIPTURE: Mark 11:1-11, 15-18; Luke 19:29-48
DEVOTIONAL READING: Matthew 11:25-30

Jesus Is King

Lesson for May 1, 1949

IT IS A SIN to tell the truth out of season. So declares a famous Protestant creed. It is not always good nor wise to tell everybody everything you know. Keeping your mouth shut may be one of the best things you ever do. Jesus himself knew how to keep a secret till time to tell it. He never uttered an untruth about himself, but for a long time he did not openly declare his conviction, in spite of being pestered to say Yes or No about it.

The question was: Are you the Messiah? This was the same as asking, Are you the King? Jesus would not say Yes, because the mere word would be taken to mean "revolutionist" or "traitor." But he would not say No, because he was a King; indeed of all men he had the best right to the title.

Royal Entrance

BUT WHEN the time came, Jesus did declare himself king in a spectacular way. We know the story as the "Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem," the story of Palm Sunday, now so fresh in our minds. Jesus lived in a nation of people who were familiar with the meaning of symbols, both in word and action.

When Jesus rode into the ancient capital where his forefathers reigned, astride a mule colt, the people knew, and he knew they would know, that this was not just somebody riding a mule on a Sunday morning. In the history of the Hebrews, mules were the steeds of kings.

King Solomon was crowned riding on a mule. There was a famous prophecy (Zech. 9:9) that when Jerusalem's great king should come, he would be riding on just such a royal steed. So when Jesus rode into Jerusalem, the people threw their palm branches and shouted their welcome, not to the teacher and prophet, but to the King.

Tears in Triumph

IT WAS NOT altogether a victorious occasion. Jesus knew too well how cheap and easy "demonstrations" can be. In his mind's eye he could see a cross standing outside Jerusalem, and in his inner ear he could hear this same dusty-throated mob, now shouting "Hosanna!", yelling instead "Crucify him!" Tears stood in Jesus' eyes. But they were not tears for himself; he never wasted energy in self-pity. They were tears for that blind city, tears for its coming destruction — the city that did not know the way to peace.

Master of the Temple

BOLDER THAN JESUS' triumphal entry was what he did inside the city. It was one thing to claim royal rights over the nation; but at the temple Jesus' claims reached far higher. It should be remembered that in the eyes of all Jews at that time the Temple was absolutely sacred. It represented the dwelling-place of the invisible God. Now the priests at that time were more profiteers and politicians than priests. They carried on what today we call a "racket" in the sale of animals for sacrifice and in changing the ordinary money of all countries into the local Jewish shekel (in which coin alone could temple offerings be paid).

The racket was notorious; every decent Jew hated the priestly profiteers. But no one had ever done anything about it, for that would mean assuming an authority over the temple that no man dared to assume.

But Jesus took it on himself. His direct and even violent action in smashing the racketeering ring was a mark of something more than ordinary self-confidence. He laid claim to being no less than the Master of God's Temple. He was acting in the name of God and with the authority of God.

Master of Man

WHEN THE CHRISTIAN church calls Jesus "Lord" and "King" today, we are making no claim for him which he did not make for himself. What we mean by these titles is that Jesus Christ, for us and for all men, is the authority above all others.

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RURAL CHURCHES

Winchester and St. Paul
U. B. Circuit
Dale Osborn, pastor
St. Paul
Worship 9:15 a.m. DST.
Sunday school 10:15 a.m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday 8 p.m.

Winchester
Sunday school 9:30 a.m. DST.
Class meeting 10:30 a.m.
Harvester meeting 7 p.m.
Preaching 7:30 p.m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

Pleasant Mills Baptist
Durward B. Gehris, pastor
9:30 a.m. EST Sunday school,
Lowell Noll, supt.

10:30 a.m. Worship service. Sermon by the pastor. Special feature for the youngsters.

Come, let us make a joyful noise unto the Lord.

Antioch United Missionary
3 Mi. West of Decatur
1 Mi. South of 224
L. W. Null, pastor
John Arnold, supt.

Sunday school 9:30 DST.
Morning worship 10:30.
Evening worship 7:30.
Prayer meeting Wed. evening 8:00.

Rev. Dean Freed from F. B. T. will bring both morning and evening messages.

You will enjoy his timely messages.

Come and worship with us.

Monroe Methodist
W. L. Hall, pastor
9:30, Morning worship.
10:30, Sunday school.

6:45, MYF.
7:30, the evening service.
Wednesday, 7:30, prayer meeting, 8:15, choir practice.

May 8 at 3:00 p.m. our Fourth Quarterly Conference.

May 25, Annual Conference at Richmond.

Rivarre Circuit
U. B. Church
L. A. Middaugh, pastor
Mt. Zion

9:30 a.m. Sunday school.
10:30 a.m. Class meeting.
7:30 p.m. Attending Mt. Tabor revival.

Pleasant Grove

9:30 a.m. Sunday school.
10:30 a.m. Class meeting.
7:00 p.m. Christian Endeavor.
8:00 p.m. Preaching service.

Mt. Victory

9:00 a.m. Sunday school.
10:00 a.m. Preaching service.
7:00 p.m. Christian Endeavor.
7:00 p.m. Wednesday, prayer meeting.

St. Luke Reformed
Honduras

H. H. Meckstroth, pastor
9 a.m. Worship service.

10 a.m. Sunday school.
3 p.m. Regional youth fellowship.

6:30 p.m. Regional youth fellowship. Rev. Lee Gable, Chicago, speaker.

Thursday 7:30 p.m. Girls guild.

Mt. Tabor Methodist Circuit

Clifford C. Conn, minister

Mt. Tabor Church

Mr. Donald Colter, supt

The revival continues each night.

The pastor feels we need this revival.

If you think you don't, it's a good

sign you do.
Preaching before Sunday school, 9:30.

Mt. Pleasant
Mr. C. A. Sheets, supt.

Church school, 9:30.

Worship service at 10:45.

You are urged to attend the revival at Mt. Tabor.

Beulah Chapel
Mr. Donald Shady, supt.

The Church school convenes at 9:30.

There will not be preaching this Sunday.

The revival at Mt. Tabor continues; you are invited.

Pleasant Valley

The Church school convenes at 9:30.

There will not be preaching this Sunday.

Spring, with new life in the air, the ground, all around is here. Is it in your heart?

Calvary Church
Evangelical United Brethren
F. H. Willard, minister

Sunday school 9:30 a.m.

Morning prayer meeting, following Sunday school.

Evening preaching service 7:30.

This will be the final service under the pastorate of the present pastor.

Rev. Albert N. Straley of Van Wert, Ohio is the newly appointed pastor.

4-H Club Council

Will Meet Monday

The Adams county 4-H club council—Mary Ann Ewel, Stanley Arnold, Mrs. Robert Johnson, Hugo Boerger, W. L. Gerke, Mrs. C. W. R. Schwartz, Robert Sprunger, Carol Kirsch, Lester Sipe, Mrs. Howard Hauck, and Rolandis Liechty—will meet in the county extension office at 8 p.m. (CDT) Monday. The council will consider the junior leader applications and select 4-H club trip winners on the achievements basis. 4-H awards are to be considered for the 4-H conservation camp, junior leader 4-H club camp, Purdue round-up and state fair girls school.

Union Chapel
Evangelical United Brethren
L. T. Norris, pastor

Sunday school, T. I. Drew, supt.

9:30.

Worship service, 10:15.

Evening services, Junior C. E.

Mrs. Carl Hurst, 6:45. Youth Fellowship, Janet Brown, pres., 6:45; Adult C. E., Niles Williamson, pres., 6:45; Worship, 7:30.

Sunday school convention. The Root and Union townships will have their Sunday school convention May 1st at the Union Chapel church at 2:30 o'clock.

The Rev. Ord Gehman of Berlin will be the guest speaker.

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The program follows:

Prelude; worship service, An-

dres youth fellowship; offertory,

the Rev. Charles Hartman, Fort

Wayne St. John; introduction of

speaker, Helen Staub; address,

"Challenging Jobs for Christians,"

Rev. Gable; open discussion; spe-

cial music, Bluffton First; hymn,

Arthur Moeschberger, leader; busi-

ness meeting, closing prayer, the

Rev. H. H. Meckstroth, St. Luke,

Honduras; announcements, Arthur

Moeschberger.

Fellowship supper, 5 p.m.; recrea-

tion 5:30 p.m.; Dennis Nor-

man, county recreation leader;

6:30 p.m. prelude; worship serv-

ice, St. Luke, Honduras; address,

"Here Am I, Send Me," Rev. Gable;

special music, St. Luke, Honduras;

offertory, the Rev. William C. Fel-

ler, Decatur Zion; closing hymn,

"Here Am I, Send Me," benediction,

the Rev. H. A. Meussling, Magley Salem.

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