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## Daily Reading Questions

Note: The questions were written from the wording in the NIV 1984. If you are using a different Bible translation, they may have to be adapted.

### Digging Deeper: The Last Week of Jesus' Life

Reading 1: Matthew 20:17-34 The mother of James and John makes a bold request.

What did Jesus say would happen to him? James and John were the sons of Zebedee. What did their mother want? How did Jesus respond to her request? What did Jesus do for the blind men?

Reading 2: Matthew 21:1-17 Jesus enters Jerusalem.

Why did Jesus ride into the city on a donkey? How did the people respond to Jesus? What happened at the temple?

Reading 3: Matthew 21:18-32 Jesus is questioned.

What happened to the fig tree? How did Jesus answer the question about his authority to speak? What is the meaning of the parable of the two sons?

Reading 4: Matthew 21:33-46 Jesus speaks in parables.

What is the meaning of the parable of the tenants? Why did the chief priest and the Pharisees want to arrest Jesus?

Reading 5: Matthew 22:1-14 Jesus issues an invitation.

In the parable, what happened when the king told those who were originally invited to the banquet it was time to come? What was the king's response? Who did the king then invite to the banquet? What happened to the man who wasn't wearing wedding clothes? What is the meaning of the parable?

Reading 6: Matthew 26:1-16 Jesus is anointed at Bethany

What did Jesus say was going to happen to him? Why did Jesus say the woman anointed him with perfume? What did Judas do?



UPPER ELEMENTARY-ADULT

LEVEL 4

HOME JOURNAL

### EASTER LESSON 1



CREATION AND THE BEGINNING OF HUMAN HISTORY

### THIS WEEK'S BIG QUESTION

**How did Jesus fulfill the prophecy of Zechariah?**

### MEMORY VERSE

#### Zechariah 9:9

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.

## Parent Notes

- **Daily Reading:** Depending on the age and ability of your child, or parent preference, he/she may do the work in this journal independently or complete it with the parent. After reading the day's Bible passage, the student should identify an important truth that relates to that reading and answer the question why he/she needs to know that truth. It would be beneficial if the parent and student also read through and answer the questions about the day's reading from the **Daily Reading Questions** at the back of the booklet. Personal ideas and additional questions from the parent can also be included.
- **Lesson Verse:** The lesson verse which answers the week's big question should be practiced daily. One way to do this is to black out words in the verse each day and say the verse inserting the correct word. By the end of the week the whole verse would be blacked out and recited by memory.
- **Concluding Lesson:** To develop deeper understanding and a comprehensive biblical worldview, the parent should talk through with the student the **Thinking It Through** questions at the back of the booklet and then have the student write out the answers.
- **Completion:** If the student brings this booklet back to the teacher on Sunday, with each day's work completed and the lesson verse memorized, the student will receive acknowledgement of a job well done.
- **Way to go, parents!** Your faithfulness in teaching your children the deed and statutes of the Lord isn't always easy, but it honors God and will have an eternal impact. Keep up the good work! Remember Galatians 6:9, *And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.*

## Concluding Lesson—Thinking It Through

Discuss these questions with a parent then write out your answers below.

- What is an important truth you learned from the Bible readings this week?
- How should that truth be lived out in your life?
- What would be the result of your living out that truth?
- What is a lie or deception people believe in terms of that truth?
- Why does that lie or deception appeal to people?
- What would be the result of believing and following that lie or deception?

## Digging Deeper: The Last Week of Jesus' Life

### Reading 5: Matthew 22:1-14

What is an important truth from the passage?

Why do you need to know that truth?

### Reading 6: Matthew 26:1-16

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## Easter 1

# How did Jesus fulfill the prophecy of Zechariah?

Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey.

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## DIGGING DEEPER

This week in your daily Bible readings you will be digging deeper. You will be reading passages about the last week of Jesus' life from the gospel of Matthew. As you read pray that your mind would be open to understand more fully who Christ is and all he has done for you. The questions for each reading are on the back cover. They will help you think more deeply about each passage.

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