

**Lesson 38: THE LORD AS KING**  
**Luke 19:28-40**

*Note to the Teacher:* You could either have the reading and lesson first, and then do the project, or have the students start on the project right away, and read aloud as they are working. It all depends on the group and how much time you have.

**INTRODUCTION:**

The Lord had recently performed a very great miracle. He had brought a man named Lazarus back to life, after Lazarus had been dead for four days! This miracle really stirred things up – it strengthened the belief of the Lord’s followers, but made the Lord’s enemies more furious than ever. The Pharisees had kept trying to convince people that the Lord wasn’t so special, that the miracles He did were maybe tricks or false stories, or maybe even the work of the devil. Now, after this miracle, which many of the Lord’s enemies had watched with their own eyes, the Pharisees felt desperate to do something to get rid of this Man, Whom the people were becoming more and more excited about.

It was shortly after the miracle of the raising of Lazarus that the Lord and His disciples came into Jerusalem. Many people had flocked to Jerusalem, hoping to get a glimpse of Lazarus, who had become quite famous himself.

And so, when the Lord entered Jerusalem, this excited crowd was overjoyed. Here was the Man Who performed such great miracles! Maybe today He would declare himself King!

**READING:** Now read aloud or have the students read **Luke 19:28-40**

**DISCUSSION:**

What did the Lord ride on? (A colt – a donkey colt.)

How did He get the colt? (He sent two of His disciples into a nearby village. There, He said, they would find a colt, and they should untie the colt and bring it back with them.)

What were they to say if anyone asked why they were taking the colt? (“The Lord has need of him.”)

Was the colt used to being ridden? (No – no one had ever sat on it before.)

What did the disciples lay on the colt, for the Lord to sit on? (Some of their garments.)

What did the people spread in the road as the Lord came riding in? (Garments. In other gospels, we are told that they also spread palm branches.)

What did the multitude cry out as the Lord rode by? (“Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the LORD!”)

Some Pharisees in the crowd called out to the Lord, saying, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!” “Rebuke” means to scold them, and to stop them. These Pharisees were warning the Lord how serious it was for them to be calling Him a King. Naming Him king was a rebellion against Rome!

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Did you notice how the Lord responded to these Pharisees? (He said, “I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out.”)

What did many of the people hope or think that the Lord would do? (Declare Himself King of the Jews, and lead a rebellion against Rome.)

Did the Lord come on earth to be a worldly king? (No. He came to conquer the hells, and establish a new heavenly kingdom.)

The crowd, and even the Lord’s disciples, did not really understand this, and yet the words they were shouting were true! The Lord is a king – the One True King of both heaven and earth. When the Lord answered the Pharisees, he was telling them that the shouts of this crowd were so true, that even if the crowd became silent, all of nature would still show the truth that there is a God who reigns over all. Even if people won’t acknowledge the power and divinity of the Lord, all the facts in nature show proof of His divine government – of how he takes care of all of the workings in His kingdom.

On Palm Sunday, the people hailed the Lord as King. And today, and forever after, that scene can remind us to rejoice, because the Lord reigns.

**PROJECT: PALM SUNDAY FELT BANNER**

**Supplies:**

One large blue piece of felt.

Smaller pieces of felt in various colors. (In particular you will need white, for the figure of the Lord; gray or tan for the donkey; yellow for a halo; green for palm leaves; and an assortment of colors for the people and garments.)

Scissors

Glue

Pencils

Patterns (enclosed) and letter stencils, if desired

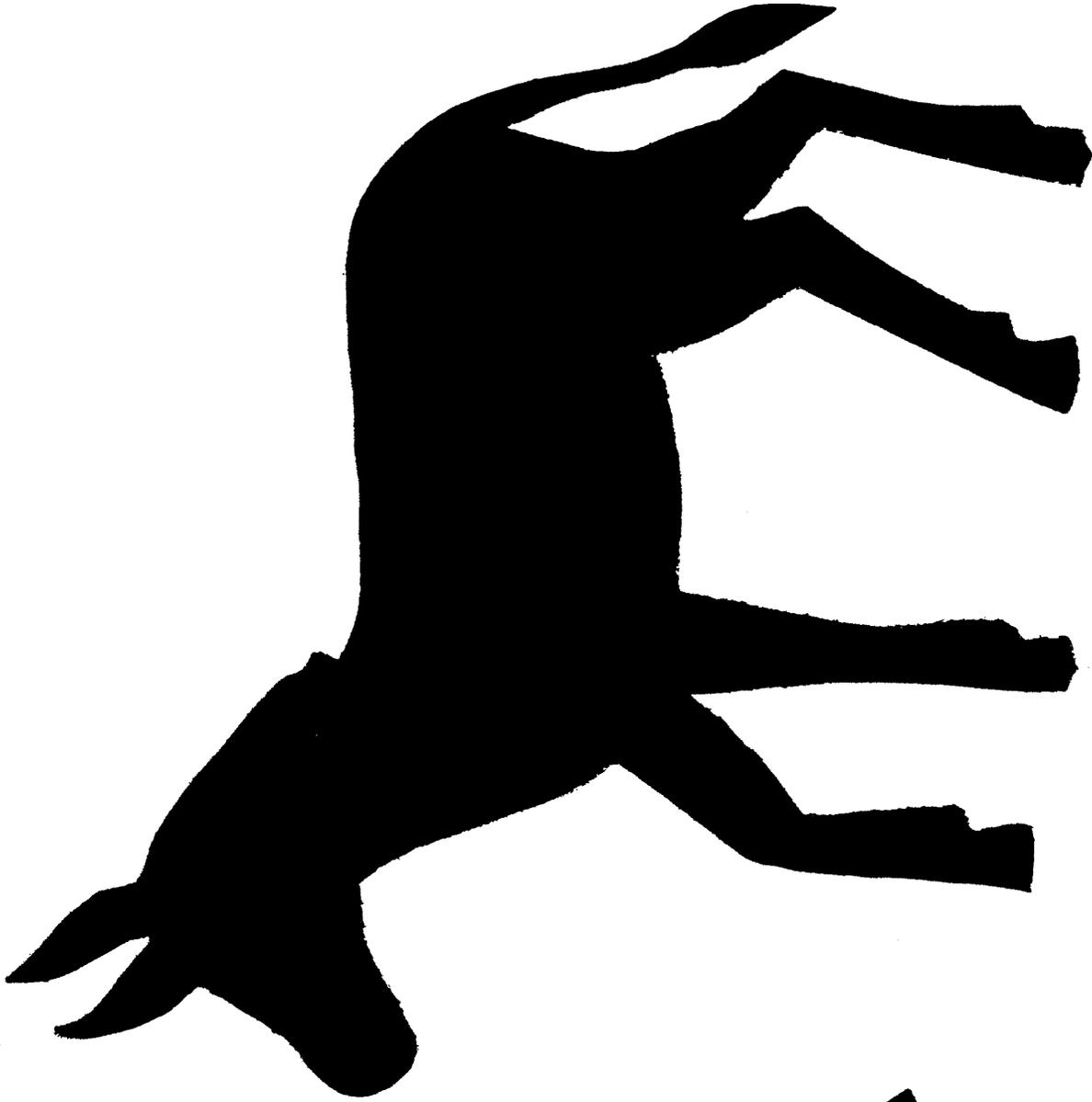
**Procedure:**

1. Have the students cut out figures of the Lord, the donkey, and a number of people for the crowd. (They can trace the patterns, or do it freehand.)
2. Have them then cut shapes of palm leaves and garments, which will go into the hands of the people, and be spread out making a path in front of the Lord on the donkey.
3. Arrange all the cut out figures into a scene on the large piece of felt, and then glue them in place.
4. Cut out letters for a title, either freehand or using the letter stencils. Have the title read:

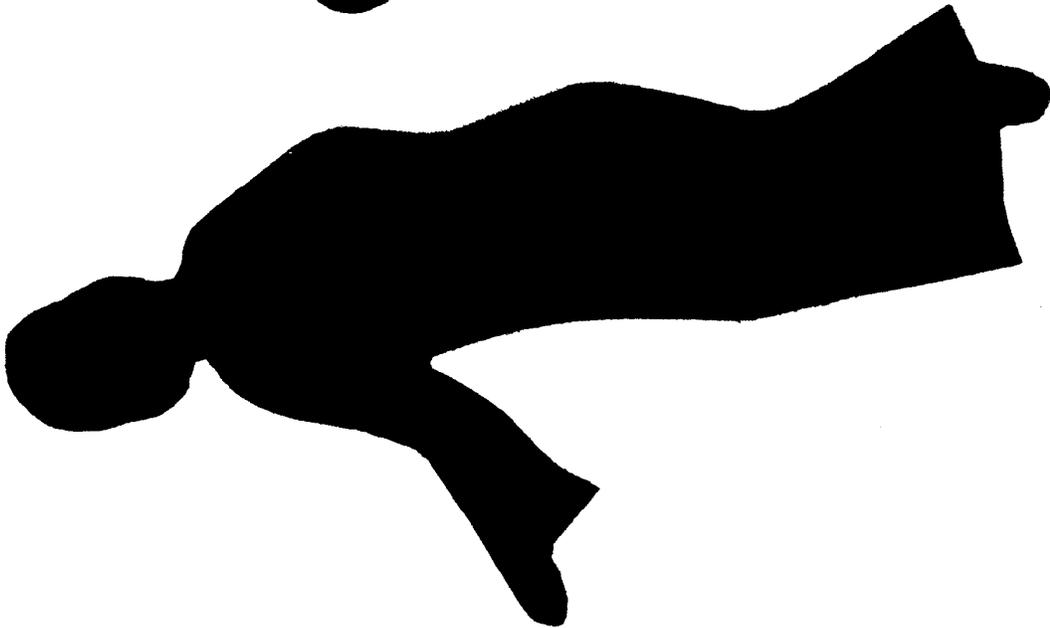
**BLESSED IS THE KING!**

Display this banner at church for Palm Sunday.

**Project Templates**



Donkey  
Cut one of grey



The Lord  
Cut one os white,  
and make a yellow halo  
to go behind the dead.  
Seat this figure on the donkey.

People in the Crowd  
Cut any number of each,  
in any color.

