

25 and 26, that He was the King of the Jews. Some of the bad Jews told Jesus to tell them to stop this, but He would not do so.

As they came round the brow of the hill, suddenly Jerusalem burst into view on the other side of the valley. What a beautiful sight! The people were very happy, and more crowds of people were coming out of Jerusalem to meet Jesus. What do you think happened next? Jesus began to cry! What a strange thing to do when everyone else was happy! Why did He cry? Can you think of the reason? It was because He knew that in a few days' time the bad people of Jerusalem would not want Him to be King of the Jews and they would kill Him.

If someone was going to do something bad to you, how would you feel? You would feel sad, and maybe frightened, would you not? But Jesus was not weeping for Himself, but for the bad people. That seems strange to you, does it not? Jesus was weeping for them because He had come to be their King, but they did not want Him to be their King. He would be able to help them, to save them from their sins, but they did not want that help. He was weeping for them, not for Himself.

The crowd of people moved across the valley and into Jerusalem, causing such a stir that people began asking who this was. "This is Jesus," they were told. Then the crowd got bigger and the children also joined it. Where do you think Jesus took the crowds? He went to the Temple, where He saw bad people doing things they should not have been doing there. So Jesus put them out of the Temple, because the Temple was a place

for prayer. As he was doing this, the crowd possibly fell silent, wondering what was coming next; but the children continued crying out what they had been learning from the older people, that Jesus was the King of the Jews. "Hosanna to the Son of David," they cried. You can imagine how angry Jesus' enemies were, when they heard this in God's own house, so they told Jesus about it. However, Jesus was quite pleased with the children and He told the Jews that God could bring perfect praise out of the mouths of children.

Now what do you think you can learn from this Bible story?

Firstly, you can learn to be *generous to those that need your help*. Do you remember the owners of the ass? They were generous to lend Jesus their ass.

Secondly, you should *always be ready to give to Jesus when He asks you for something*. Jesus asks you to pray to Him when you begin the day so that He would be with you and help you. You should be willing to give these few moments of your time to Him, although you might wish to spend your time in other ways. When He says to you, "Give Me thine heart", He is asking for your love and obedience.

Thirdly, do you remember Jesus weeping over Jerusalem? Well, you are told to believe in Jesus, to love Him, to follow Him and serve Him. However, if you say that you do not want to do these things, then Jesus cannot be pleased with you, and those who do not have Him as their King and Saviour will be destroyed by their sins and perish in them forever.