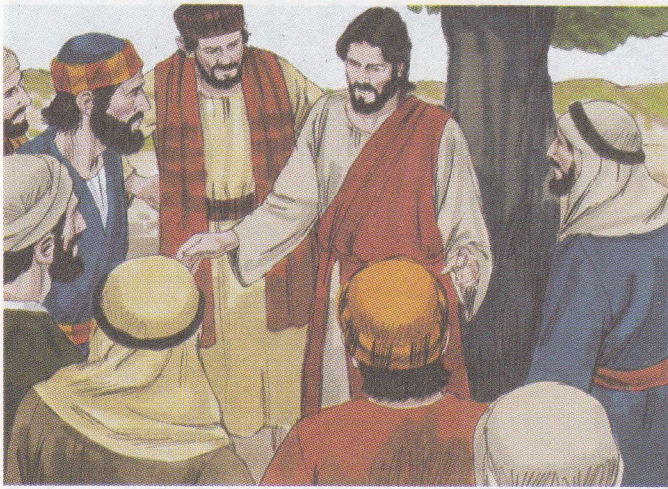
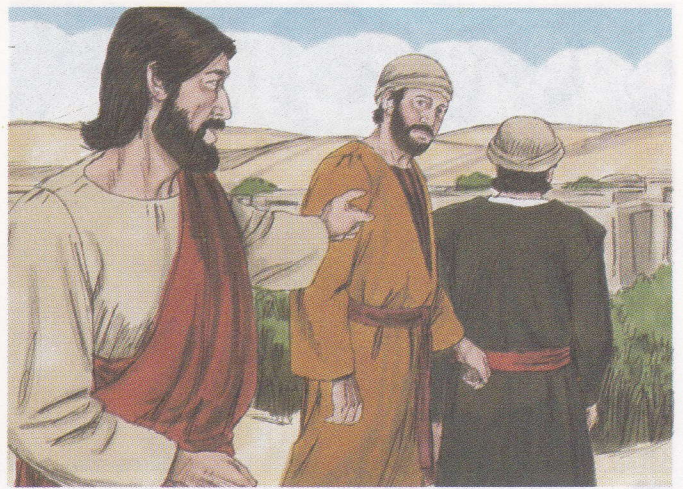


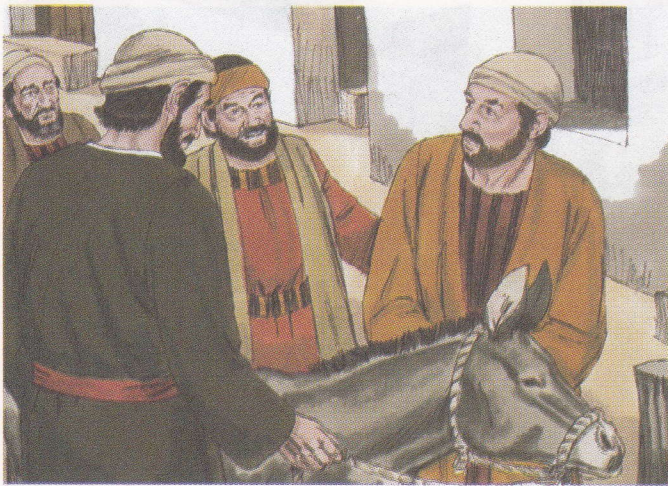
Jesus Enters Jerusalem



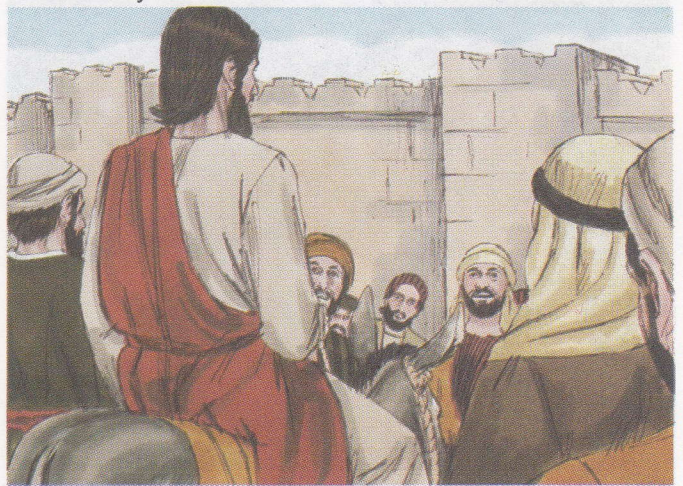
1 Jesus and his disciples were on their way to Jerusalem. When they reached the Mount of Olives, which is not far from the city, Jesus stopped.



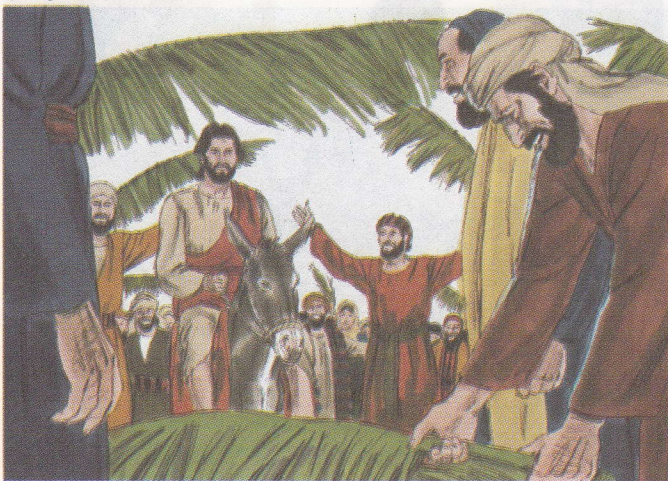
2 He sent two disciples into a nearby village to get a donkey colt. Jesus said, "If anyone asks why you are doing this, say, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back immediately.'"



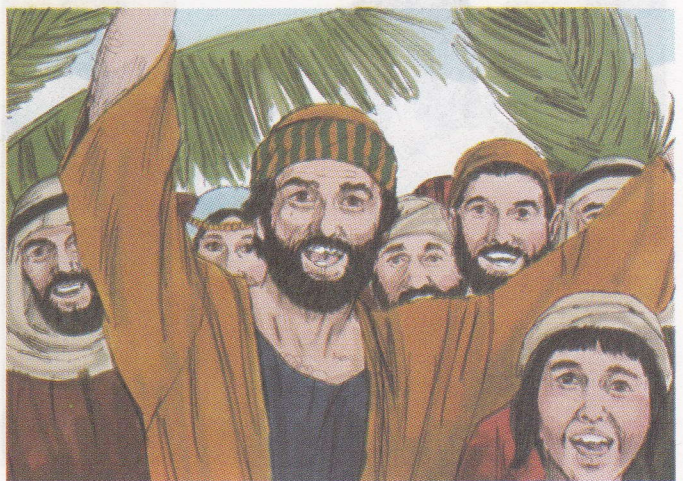
3 When the disciples entered the village, they found a donkey colt tied at a door. As they untied it, someone standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?"



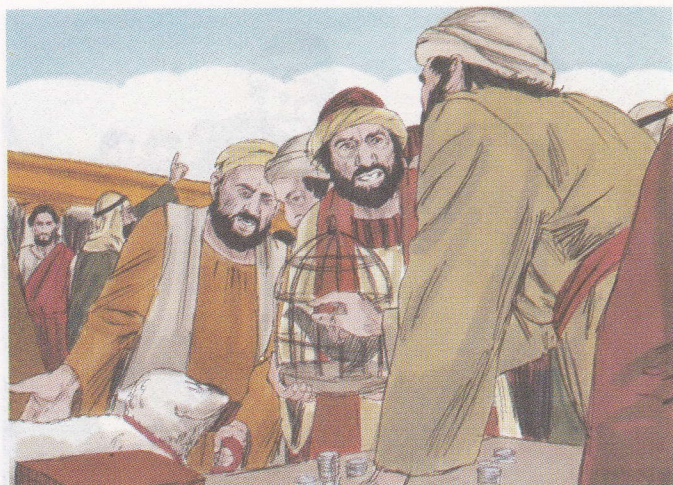
4 They answered just as Jesus had instructed and were allowed to take the colt. When they brought it to Jesus, they threw their garments on it. Jesus got on and rode toward Jerusalem.



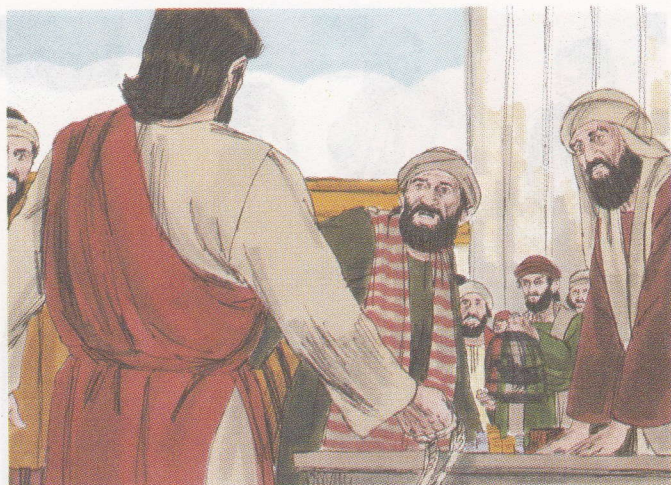
5 As Jesus rode toward the city, many people spread out their garments on the road ahead of him, and others spread leafy branches which they had cut in the fields.



6 The people were very excited. They shouted, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming!"



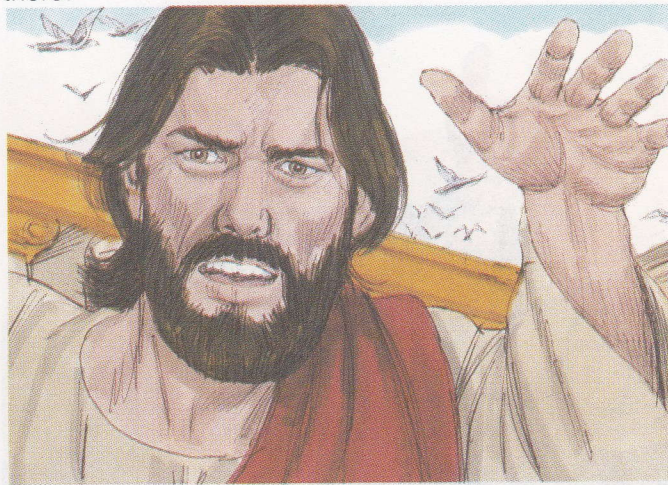
7 Jesus entered the city of Jerusalem in this way. Next, he went to the temple and looked all around. Then, because it was getting late in the day, he went out to Bethany.



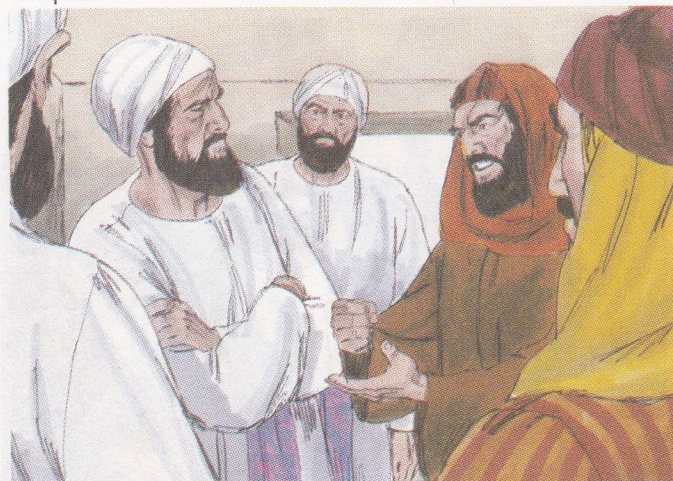
8 The next day Jesus returned to Jerusalem. He went again to the temple. This time he began to drive out the people who were buying and selling things there!



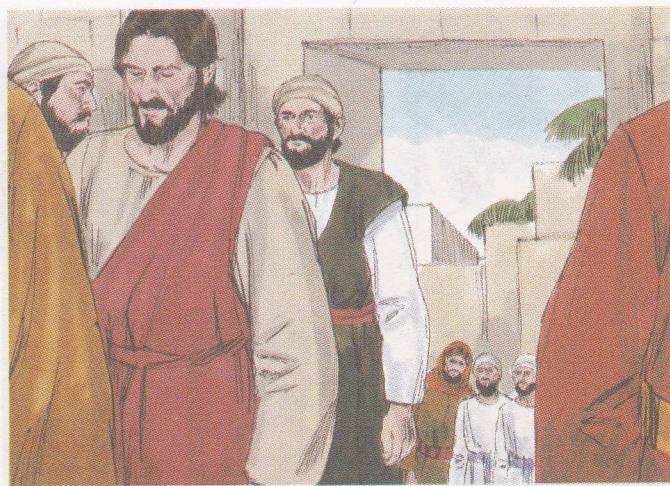
9 Jesus overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. He would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple.



10 Jesus said, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations'? But you have made it a den of robbers!"



11 The chief priests and scribes soon heard about this, of course. They were afraid of Jesus because all the people were impressed by his teaching, but they were determined to kill him.



12 Yet they did nothing to Jesus that day. And when evening came, Jesus and his disciples went out of the city unharmed.