

# JESUS



## **Julie jumped into the back seat of her mom's car and buckled her seatbelt.**

"Jesus sure had some pretty awful friends!" she exclaimed. Julie had just come from religion class. Her catechist had talked about Jesus entering Jerusalem on a donkey. "How could his friends cheer for him on one day and then want him to die just a few days later?"

Julie seemed to get more upset by the minute. "And his disciples! They just abandoned him! What is wrong with everybody?"

Keeping her eyes on the road, Mom listened and nodded with understanding. "Well, the people of Jesus' time had faults, just like all people of all times. Jesus loved them and tried to teach them a better way. Sometimes people forget all that. They don't think about what Jesus wants us to do. They think about only what they want."

Julie remained upset. "If I had friends like that, I'd get rid of 'em!"

Then Mom got serious. "Now, Julie, I want you to remember something. Remember what happened between you and your friend Mary?" Julie looked surprised, then embarrassed. "Yes," she said softly.

Mom continued. "When you got a chance to hang around with the popular kids, you turned your back on Mary. You even told those kids some things about Mary that weren't very nice just because you thought that might make them like you more."

Julie hung her head. "I know I hurt Mary. I was so surprised when she forgave me. I wouldn't have blamed her if she never spoke to me again."

*Read Matthew 21:1-11 and then close your Bible. Answer each of the following questions about the reading and the information your catechist shared with you about the reading.*

### **1. How many disciples did Jesus send into the village on an errand? (See v. 1.)**

ALL TWELVE APOSTLES

THREE

TWO

### **2. Where were Jesus and his disciples going? (See v. 1.)**

BETHPHAGE

MOUNT OLIVE

JERUSALEM

### **3. What did Jesus tell the disciples to get? (See v. 2.)**

A LAMB AND A CAMEL

SOME SHEEP

AN ASS AND A COLT

### **4. Why did the disciples need to bring these animals to Jesus? (See v. 4.)**

TO FULFILL THE WORDS OF THE PROPHET

JESUS WAS TIRED OF WALKING

JESUS WANTED THE PEOPLE TO MAKE

HIM KING

### **5. How did the people honor Jesus when he entered Jerusalem? (See vs. 8-9.)**

THEY SPREAD THEIR CLOAKS ON THE

ROAD

THEY PUT CUT BRANCHES ON THE ROAD

THEY SHOUTED "HOSANNA"

ALL OF THESE

# ENTERS JERUSALEM

## 6. What does the Hebrew word *hosanna* mean?

REJOICE  
LORD, GRANT US YOUR SALVATION  
LONG LIVE THE KING

## 7. What did the Jewish people believe the Messiah they were waiting for would do?

OVERTHROW THE ROMANS  
BRING PEACE AND MERCY TO THE WHOLE WORLD  
SAVE EVERYONE FROM THEIR SINS

## 8. What is the meaning of *salvation* that Jesus wants us to remember?

FREEDOM FROM OUR SINS  
FREEDOM FROM THE ROMANS  
FREE WILL

## 9. There are two Gospels proclaimed on Palm Sunday; the first is about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. What is the second one about?

THE LAST SUPPER  
JESUS' PASSION AND DEATH  
JESUS' BURIAL  
ALL OF THESE

## 10. What did Julie learn from her talk with her mother?

REMEMBER WHAT JESUS TEACHES ABOUT  
LOVE AND FORGIVENESS  
THAT MARY DID WHAT JESUS WOULD  
WANT HER TO DO  
BOTH OF THESE

Mom said, "Mary might have turned her back on you for what you did. But because she is a true friend, she forgave you, just like Jesus forgave his disciples and the people who put him to death. Mary did what Jesus wanted her to do."

Julie said, "So, I think I understand. What I want to do sometimes is the wrong thing to do." Julie was quiet for a few minutes and then added,

**"I always need to think about how Jesus wants me to act."**

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Answers: 1. two 2. Jerusalem 3. an ass and a colt  
4. to fulfill the words of the prophet 5. all of these  
6. Lord, grant us your salvation 7. overthrow the  
Romans 8. freedom from our sins 9. all of these  
10. both of these

