

Esoteric Bible Studies

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STUDIES IN THE LIFE OF CHRIST JESUS

INTERPRETATION

VII.—*The Triumphal Entry.*

28. And when he had thus spoken, he went before, ascending up to Jerusalem.

29. And it came to pass, when he was come nigh to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of His disciples,

30. Saying, Go ye into the village over against you; in the which at your entering ye shall find a colt tied, whereon yet never man sat: loose him, and bring him hither.

31. And if any man ask you, Why do ye loose him? thus shall ye say unto him, Because the Lord hath need of him.

32. And as they were loosing the colt, the owners thereof said unto them, Why loose ye the colt?

34. And they said, The Lord hath need of him.

35. And they brought him to Jesus: and they cast their garments upon the colt, and they set Jesus thereon.

36. And as he went, they spread their clothes in the way.

37. And when he was come nigh, even now at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen;

38. Saying, Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest.

39. And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto Him, Master, rebuke thy disciples.

40. And He answered and said unto them, I tell you that if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out.

Fully one-third of the Gospels is devoted to the accounts of the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus. This last week of His life, beginning with Palm Sunday, commences the most important part of His work upon the earth.

All the main events in the life of Christ Jesus have their parallel in other religions and in the lives of other great Teachers of cosmic truth. In the Greater Mysteries of Eleusis the Triumphal Entry has its parallel in the joyous procession headed by the victorious aspirant for great spiritual power, for this processional symbolizes the true blending of fire and water, with all the powers which this union bestows, causing man to become superman, the Initiate, the Adept. For the masses this was but an outer ceremony of pomp and pageantry. For the inner circles its every movement was filled with a deep, hidden spiritual significance.

In the life of Christ Jesus we find the different steps of Initiation or spiritual evolution for our Earth Period symbolized by the Annunciation, Birth, Baptism, Temptation, Gethsemane, Palm Sunday (or blending), Crucifixion, Resurrection, and Ascension. We, the humanity of the earth, take many lives to travel this path of Initiation, its successful consummation depending upon how soon we learn to spiritualize the power of will, the masculine pole of spirit, and to awaken *love as a power* within the heart. This love power of the heart is the feminine pole of the spirit. It is only as we learn to balance and blend these two attributes of the ego that we shall know the great spiritual powers associated with the Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem, the City of Peace. This day of triumph worked an entire change in the life of Christ Jesus. Up to that time He had avoided the plaudits of the

—*Luke 19:28-40.*

throng. Now He permitted Himself to become the central figure of an enthusiastic multitude.

Verse 30: The colt here mentioned esoterically means a new attainment, a complete self-mastery in preparation for the greater work. The horse in all religions has symbolized war, the desire nature. The symbol of the sign of Sagittarius is that of a *man riding a horse and pointing to the stars*.

Verse 34: "The Lord hath need of him." This means the transmuted power to be used for a larger work.

Verse 35: Preparation of the disciples for their work, Christ Jesus being the great ideal.

Verse 36: Attainment, but not so high.

Verses 37 and 38: A vision vouchsafed the disciples of what the earth and its humanity will be when the great attainment of Initiation becomes universal.

Verse 40: Initiation is the supreme realization of humanity. If this should be taken away, spiritual evolution would cease. That this sublime work is difficult to accomplish is shown by the fact that Palm Sunday (the ideal) precedes the sorrows of Passion Week. But that it is ultimately to be realized is seen in the glorious consummation of Easter or the resurrection morn, which means not

only Christ risen from the grave with its lesson of immortality and man's way of liberation from the body, but also the eventual liberation from the wheel of birth and death upon the earth. This is the last great step of the Christian religion, and heralds the return of Christ and His giving the kingdom to God the Father, presumably in the Capricorn-Cancer cycle.

Lent symbolizes the Temptation and the overcoming. Without this self-mastery there could be no Palm Sunday nor Easter morn.

Good Friday means sorrow for the lack of equilibrium. It is this lack which causes all the inharmony, unhappiness, and inequality in the world today.

Palm Sunday or the Triumphal Entry points the way to attainment, to the perfect balance.

Easter Day means the rejoicing of its consummation.

Everyone is being prepared for Initiation whether we realize it or not. The new hammer or gavel with which the Master Workman rules his subordinates (by which the higher nature rules the lower) is now a cross of sorrow, and the new Word is *self-control*. "He that ruleth his spirit is better than he that taketh a city."

The Fourth and Higher Dimensions

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WE WITH our three-dimensional brains are utterly incapable of obtaining a real conception of the spiritual worlds, that is, the Desire World, the World of Thought, and the Worlds of Life Spirit and Divine Spirit. This is for the reason that these higher worlds have from four to seven dimensions instead of the three with which we are familiar, as stated by Max Heindel in the "Cosmo-Conception." The De-

sire World has four dimensions, the World of Thought has five, and so on. The mistake which the occult student usually makes in the beginning is in thinking that these higher dimensions are physical dimensions. But they are not physical in any sense whatever; they are purely spiritual, therefore they cannot be truly conceived of with three-dimensional brains.

First let us examine the fourth dimen-