

October 30 Answers

- 1) Jesus' entry to Jerusalem. We call it the "**triumphal** entry" because of the crowd who praised Jesus as the Messiah. Yet Jesus **wept** when He saw the city, and His disciples did not understand that He had come, not to expel the Romans, but to **die** a cruel death on the cross. Jesus took great care in fulfilling what **Zechariah** had prophesied about Him almost 550 years before (Zech 9:9). He did not enter Jerusalem on a white horse with an army marching behind Him, nor did He come in pomp and splendor. Instead, the righteous Savior came in **gentleness** and **peace**, and He came to do His Father's **will**. His tears were not for Himself, but for the city who did not see the day of its salvation. When the Gentiles asked to see Jesus later that day, Jesus said, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be **glorified**." He knew that like a kernel of wheat, He must die if His life and mission were to be fulfilled. The same is true for us. If we are to "bear much fruit" for the Kingdom, we must die to ourselves and our old **way** of living. Being a disciple of Jesus means rejecting the desires of the flesh and yielding each moment to the desires of the Spirit. If Jesus could say 'Yes' to a horrible death on the cross, how can we say 'No' when God calls us to follow in Jesus' steps? Jesus told his disciples to "believe in the **light**, that you may become sons of light" (John 12:36). This teaches us that God wants us to be a disciples of the light. Our lives are to be a light to the world, and when we shine brightly for God, others will see the true Light **through** us.