

Palm Sunday

Matthew 21: Jesus comes as King (but not like we expected)

Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King Matthew 21:1-11

Quiet Before the Storm Vss 1-3

Jesus fulfilling prophecy Vss 4-5

- Your King comes
- King David and Solomon - the height of Israel's "glory days"
- Israel was looking for a King a deliverer to restore Israel to her glory

Zechariah 9:9-10

Jesus Greeted by the Crowds Vss.6-11

"Hosanna[b] to the Son of David!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"[c]

"Hosanna[d] in the highest heaven!"

- Son of David - the Messiah, the promised deliverer
- Psalm 118 - reference to the feast of tabernacle where God provided shelter for 40 years in the wilderness

The whole city was stirred Vss 10-11

- Jesus had the attention of the entire city
- Could have proclaimed himself as their King
- Who is this?
- Matthew 16:13-20

Jesus at the Temple Vss 12-16

- Jesus was more interested in the deeper needs of mankind than setting up a temporary kingdom
- cleaned out the Temple - place of worship
- healed the sick
- brought praise from the mouths of the innocent

The Authority of Jesus Questioned Vss 23

- Who made you the boss of me???

God had a Greater plan in play Matthew 16:21

- God in human form suffer for the sins of mankind, die to pay the penalty of sin (wages of sin is death) then be raised to new life by the power of God

But That is not our plan Matthew 16:22-23

- The same people who waved the palm leaves were some of the same people who a few days later shook their fists and said crucify Him
- What will you do - shake your fist at God when He doesn't fit in your plans or will you follow His plan to ETERNAL LIFE
- Live for the moment and sacrifice the eternal?

James 1 (NIV)