

*"And when He entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up saying, 'Who is this?'"(Matthew 21:10)*

### I. Here Comes the King

- a. We are now entering the final days of Jesus's public ministry.
  1. Whenever someone of importance visits a city, state or nation, preparations are made. There is some form of reception.
  2. In this chapter Matthew emphasizes the divine preparations Jesus made in advance of His arrival that partially involved His disciples. If the preparation were intentional so was the sacrifice.
  3. Jesus's entry into Jerusalem was significant because it fulfilled biblical prophecy.
  4. Zechariah's prophecy (Zech. 9:9) declared that the King's appearance would be humble.
  5. Notice all of the specific preparations, planning and anticipation.
    1. *You will find a donkey tied to a colt. Untie them and bring them to me.*
    2. *If anyone says anything, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them, and he will send them at once.'*
    3. The disciples brought the donkey and the colt and draped them with their cloaks.
  6. It was not merely riding on a donkey that made Jesus humble, but His very appearance in the world was a step of humility.
  7. The cry *Hosanna*, meaning save or help us, is announced as an expression of praise. (Psalm 118:25-26) The people cried out for they were being oppressed politically, but mostly religiously.
  8. Jesus prefers to ride upon a donkey, not a white stallion. Our King Jesus, appears to be who He really is, concealing nothing.
  9. Jesus is not the political and conquering messiah they were expecting. He has come to rule over the hearts and lives of people, not to kick the Romans out.

### II. Who is this?

- a. The crowds welcome Jesus with the celebrity of a king. It was a crowd full of questions, but asking one primary, *Who is this?* (v. 10)
- b. Some said, *This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.*
- c. It is true Jesus was a prophet, but what it is equally true, He was much more than a prophet.
  1. *Jesus is the Chief Priest and He is coming to clean the temple.*
  2. *He is the Savior of the world and he would give His body as the ransom for all sin.*
  3. *He is the Prince of Peace.* He did not act in violence, even to the point of death.
  4. *Jesus is a Mighty Provider, Healer and Friend.*
  5. *He is the true Son of God.*
- d. When we consider the character of someone who is humble, we often consider that person to be transparent.

### III. Apply the Scriptures to Your Life

- a. What are the lessons to be learned from the humility of our King?
- b. We should not consider ourselves to be more than we are.
- c. We should never despise humble beginnings and the humble places the Lord has us.
- d. This same crowd that cheered, will be the same crowd who will shout, "Crucify Him!"
- e. Some days people will love you for what you *stand* for, and other days they will despise even the ground you *stand* on.
- f. Growing to know Jesus requires coming to Him just as He entered the city, with humility and a willingness to sacrifice yourself.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study  
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