



JESUS' ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

INTRODUCTION

In one influential and important week, Jesus would complete his purpose. He would accomplish the redemption of humanity through his suffering and death. As we look at Matthew 21, Jesus begins the week with his triumphant entry into the city of Jerusalem.

READ MATTHEW 21:1-11.

1.) Jesus had full knowledge of why he was going to Jerusalem. These things were largely lost on the disciples at this time. Recently they saw Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead, they witnessed him predict the future with getting a donkey, and then see the crowds openly praise him. Put yourself in their shoes. What would your thoughts be more focused on: Jesus' power/glorify or his words of suffering? Explain.

What are some ways that we can be distracted from hearing his Word and seeing his purpose?

2.) Read Zechariah 9:9-13. What pictures, themes, words stand out to you about this prophecy?

What might the people have expected to happen when God's chosen King came?

3.) What was Jesus both saying and not saying when he chose to ride into Jerusalem on a donkey?

In what ways, was Jesus acting as a king for us as he came to this world? How does he act us as a king for you and me still today?

4.) Within a week these same crowds will yell for Jesus to be crucified (Matthew 27:22-23). What do you think could be some reasons the people rejected their king only days later in Pilate's court?

5.) What can we take away from Jesus who had all power and authority, yet comes to us as a humble king? How does Jesus' humility on Palm Sunday influence our thoughts and attitudes now?

6.) At the end of this account, we hear the people say "Who is this?" If someone were to approach you today wanting to know who Jesus was/is, what would you say?