

# What Will You Do with Jesus?

Matthew 21:1–11 | March 22, 2026

**Main Idea:** Jesus presented Himself as the promised King, received a mixed response, and still calls every person to respond rightly to Him.

**Key Texts:** Matt. 21:1–11

**Also See:** Mark 11; Luke 19; John 12

**Theme:** The King deserves surrender, not curiosity alone

## I. Jesus organized His coronation (vv. 1–5)

### A. Trust His supervision (vv. 1–3)

Jesus gave precise instructions and everything happened exactly as He said.

### B. Acknowledge His dominion (vv. 4–5)

Zechariah 9:9 is fulfilled: your King comes humble, peaceful, and worthy of worship.

## II. Jesus anticipated His reception (vv. 6–11)

### A. A few responded with submission (vv. 6–7)

The disciples obeyed before they fully understood.

### B. A handful responded with emotion (vv. 8–9)

The crowd shouted “Hosanna,” but emotion alone is not saving faith.

### C. Some responded with inquisition (vv. 10–11)

The city asked, “Who is this?” That is still the major question.

### D. Most responded with rejection

The religious leaders were near Jesus, yet remained hardened against Him.

## III. Jesus welcomes your adoration

### A. Acknowledge His position - He is the Anointed Messiah

Luke 19:38–40 shows that Christ is worthy of open, unapologetic praise.

### B. Anticipate His return - He is the Conquering King

Revelation 19:11–16 reminds us that the humble King will return in glory.

### C. Accept His sacrifice - He is the Suffering Servant

The King entered Jerusalem knowing the cross was ahead.

## First Entry / Return

- Colt / White horse
- Humility / Majesty
- Rejected by many / Feared by all
- Crown of thorns / Many crowns
- Lamb / Lion-King

## Key Truths to Remember

### Truth #1

Jesus is never confused, surprised, or out of control.

### Truth #2

Real discipleship shows itself in simple obedience.

### Truth #3

Religious familiarity is not the same as genuine faith.

## Application

1. Stop trying to control outcomes. King Jesus has everything under control.
2. Practice simple obedience based on faith in the character of God.
3. Evaluate the motivation behind your worship. Follow Christ for the right reasons.
4. Be willing to give up everything for the King who gave Himself for you.
5. Avoid looking through the eyes of the donkey - make much of Christ, not yourself.

## Questions for Reflection

- What does this passage teach me about Christ's authority? \_\_\_\_\_
- Where do I most need to trust His supervision instead of forcing my own outcome? \_\_\_\_\_
- Am I responding to Jesus with submission, emotion only, curiosity, rejection, or true adoration?  
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- What will I do with Jesus today? \_\_\_\_\_

### Closing Challenge

**“What will you do with Jesus?”**  
**Neutral you cannot be.**