

MATTHEW 21 Community Group Questions

Matthew 21:1-11

1—When did you see Christ working in your life this week? When did you feel close to Christ this week?

NOTES FROM JIMMY'S SERMON

PASSOVER FESTIVAL— Jews remembering God's deliverance from Egypt. Jewish historians estimated 2.5M people in Jerusalem during Passover.

Jesus enters Jerusalem—first time in Matthew's gospel that Jesus enters Jerusalem.

For Matthew, every detail is important.

- Appears from Mt. of Olives. (2 miles from east of Jerusalem)-- Where God will stand as king of the earth (Zech 14:4,9).
- He rides on a donkey entering Jerusalem—Israel's king (Zech 9:9), (Isa 62:11)
- People spread garments for a king (2 Kings 9:13)
- HOSANNA = "save us now, Lord" –proclaiming him as Messiah.
- Crowds acclaim him as king. "Son of David"—This is a Messianic title.
- One coming in the name of the Lord (Ps 118:25-26)—Messianic Psalm

2—Read vv.1-6. What do these verses teach you about Jesus? Are you surprised with his instructions to the disciples? Why do you think Matthew quotes Zechariah 9:9.

3—Read vv.7-8. What does it say that a very large crowd laid down their cloaks for Jesus? What is Matthew saying between the lines in these verses?

4—Read vv.9-11. What does HOSANNA mean? Why do you think the city was stirred? Why do you think they called him a prophet rather than a king or the Messiah?

5—Jesus enters Jerusalem riding a donkey, not a war horse. Jesus is humble. There is no arrogance in him. When you think of a humble person, who comes to mind? What are the characteristics you see in this person? How could you become humbler?

6—Which of Sunday's points best resonates with you?

- The kingdom you choose reveals which king you ultimately serve.
- Jesus' humility redefines kingship.
- Everybody is looking for a king.
- The humble King has come to save you.

7—What are you hearing from the Lord in these verses?