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MESSAGE NOTES

Matthew 21:1-12

When they had approached Jerusalem and had come to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied there and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to Me.

3 If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and immediately he will send them."

4 This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

5 "SAY TO THE DAUGHTER OF ZION,

'BEHOLD YOUR KING IS COMING TO YOU,

GENTLE, AND MOUNTED ON A DONKEY,

EVEN ON A COLT, THE FOAL OF A BEAST OF BURDEN.'" (Is.62:11, Zech.9:9)

6 The disciples went and did just as Jesus had instructed them, 7 and brought the donkey and the colt, and laid their coats on them; and He sat on the coats. 8 Most of the crowd spread their coats in the road, and others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them in the road.

9 The crowds going ahead of Him, and those who followed, were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David;

BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD;

Hosanna in the highest!" (Ps.118:26)

10 When He had entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, "Who is this?" 11 And the crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth in Galilee."

12 And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all those who were buying and selling in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves.

So What?!

Jesus entry is triumphal if:

#1. I'm willing to obey God's war plan?

#2. I'm willing to submit to God's tyrannical leadership?

#3. I'm willing to love what God radically loves?

#4. I'm willing to speak up for God's ultimate purpose?

Dr. Rodney Stark, "Jesus can be very IRRITATING to be around."

GROUP DISCUSSION

Group Discussion: What was/is your favorite parade to attend? Why?

Read: Matthew 20:29 - 21:17

Review the elements of the (Seder) Passover: read Exodus 12:1-28, 4-6 hour meal of lamb, why lamb?, bitter herbs, why bitter?, in haste, why haste? What was the purpose of the blood of the lamb?

Just days before the national Passover celebration Jesus proclaims himself king and publically forces the leadership of Israel to either proclaim him King or crucify him and make him the sacrificial lamb for the sins of the world. Did they suspect, believe or know what they were doing?

Read Zechariah 9:9-10, Is Zechariah talking about the absence of war or spiritual peace with God? Would there have been an end to Earthly war if they had accepted him as King? Since the western world has been totally Christianized for centuries why hasn't war ceased?

Do we risk missing the enormous blessing of God in our world because we don't respond to God's rightful position as King and welcome him into our lives as King? How could God change our world if everyone welcomed him as King? Since God is the absolute ruler of our lives how do I need to change to create more peace? If peace is His goal how am I contributing?

What if you read vs. 3 as, "The Lord has need of me!" What would be the first thing you would do for peace in your home, work place, neighborhood, church?

Have you ever known someone to squander an opportunity by their inability to appreciate the rare opportunity they have to make a difference?

Easter is the rare yearly opportunity to invite someone to experience the peace of God in their lives. Who will you share Easter Sunday with online? Would you set up a Skype or Zoom follow-up discussion with them? Use the Bible Study Discussion Questions on the back of the sermon notes.

Family Time: Give your kids horse back rides and talk about Jesus riding into Jerusalem to be the leader of the world. But people didn't want His leadership. Tell them a short story of a time when you didn't want Jesus leadership. Then tell them a longer story of a time when you let Him lead you and the good result it brought.