



SERMON STUDY GUIDE

“Matthew 21:1-11” on May 20 & 23, 2021

CONNECT

How did last week's passage we read/discussed from Matthew 20:29-34 affect your week?

DISCOVER: MATTHEW 20:29-34

1. What did the passage say (in your own words) or did you take away from the sermon this week?
2. How does this passage or did the sermon point you to Jesus (teach us about Jesus)?
3. Did you find anything challenging about this passage (words you didn't understand, phrases that didn't make sense, etc.)?

MATTHEW 21:1-11 Jesus' rode into Jerusalem on a donkey which had never been ridden; He made a deliberate statement, fulfilling prophecy, about who He was as Messiah King. He had the courage to take a dramatic action to make His claim of Messiahship, appealing not to a kingship of thrones but a kingship of the human heart – offering Himself to the people as they shouted, “Hosanna!”

Jesus' Preparations: Jesus had specific instructions for His disciples regarding the colt on which He would ride, fulfilling prophecy. His disciples immediately did as they were asked, doing just as Jesus asked them to do. If we are disciples of Jesus, we should do what He tells us to do!

- What is Jesus telling you to do? What is in your world that you know, “I need to do this!”?
- Can you describe a time you DID do what you felt Jesus was asking of you, and powerful moments of blessing came from that decision of obedience?
- Look at Zechariah 9:9, Psalm 24:7-10, and Psalm 118:19-29; discuss how these prophecies and praises inform your hope, courage, submission, and mission as a disciple of King Jesus?

HOSANNA! Lord, SAVE ME NOW! The crowds were celebrating Jesus' entry, but they were also expressing their desperation – their cry for release from years of oppression. They needed to be saved, and they cried out, “Lord, save me now – save my people!”

- When was the last time you cried out to Jesus, “Lord save me!” or “Lord, save my people!”?
- Who do you know whose life is crying out for salvation, freedom, and peace? How is Jesus asking you to respond to this?
- Consider the suffering you see in your own lives or in the world in general; how does Jesus' example and teaching about eternal life in God's presence give you the hope and courage to persevere through difficult times?

While large crowds welcomed Jesus as King, the Sadducees and others opposing Jesus hated Him; Jerusalem was 'stirred up' as evil sought to destroy what was good. Our world right now clearly shows the confrontation of light with darkness, of life with death. The crowds cried, “This is Jesus!”, while the Sadducees cried out, “How can You allow them to say these things?”

- Examine the way Jesus 'lives' in your daily life; who do you say Jesus is? Is He Someone who helps you with this and that, someone you have put in a box that fits your needs, or is He KING of your life as you submit to His will?
- How will you respond in action to what your examination has revealed? List all the ways you see Jesus as your Savior and what that means how you make your choices in life.
- Today morality and justice have become relative, and in our journey of discovery of who Jesus is, we are challenged by the world around us; what challenges do you find right now as a disciple of Jesus in showing others that freedom and peace can only be found in submitting to Him?
- Discussion: What does heaven mean to/for you?



CHURCH

LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE

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RESPOND

- How does this passage encourage you, challenge you, or change you in your efforts to become more like Jesus?
- What is one thing you learned about yourself from God’s Word? How will you respond in obedience this week?
- Who is someone you can have a conversation with about what Jesus is doing in your life or invite to join you at a CU Church gathering.

PRAY

Pray for each other and spend time praising God. Pray that he will show you how to better love God and love people.