



## Small Group Study Questions

Sermon on April 2nd, 2023

### **Matthew 21:8-17 (NASB)**

8 Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them on the road. 9 Now the crowds going ahead of Him, and those who followed, were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David;  
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord;  
Hosanna in the highest!”

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

12 And Jesus entered the temple area and drove out all those who were selling and buying on the temple grounds, and He overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves. 13 And He \*said to them, “It is written: ‘My house will be called a house of prayer’; but you are making it a den of robbers.”

14 And those who were blind and those who limped came to Him in the temple area, and He healed them. 15 But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that He had done, and the children who were shouting in the temple area, “Hosanna to the Son of David,” they became indignant, 16 and they said to Him, “Do You hear what these children are saying?” And Jesus \*said to them, “Yes. Have you never read, ‘From the mouths of infants and nursing babies You have prepared praise for Yourself?’” 17 And He left them and went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.

## DIGGING DEEPER

Week 1

What is your favorite way to praise Jesus? Prayer? Music? Writing? Something else?

What is your least favorite way that others enjoy?

**Read Matthew 21:1-7**

Does Jesus fulfilling prophecy strengthen your faith? Why or why not?

What's the purpose of Jesus riding a donkey into the city?

**Read Matthew 21:8-11**

Some of these same people who praised this day would cry crucify later. Can this still happen today?

How do we keep this from happening to us?

**Read Matthew 21:12-13**

How does Jesus cleansing the temple fit with him riding a donkey in peace?

## DIGGING DEEPER

How can a church become a place of “robbers”? How do we keep it a place of prayer?

### **Read Matthew 21:14-17**

Some children were speaking the truth about Jesus. How did the priests and scribes not see it as well?

Can we miss who Jesus truly is? How can we see him correctly?

What can you praise Jesus for today?

## TAKING IT HOME

## PRAYER REQUEST

