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**SUNDAY**



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**Matt 21:1**

**When they had approached Jerusalem and had come to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples,**

## Matt 21:2

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.

**Matt 21:3**

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

## Matt 21:4-5

This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: "Say to the daughter of Zion, behold your King is coming to you, gentle, and mounted on a donkey, even a colt, the foal of a beast of burden"

## Matt 21:6-7

The disciples went and did just as Jesus had instructed them, and brought the donkey and the colt, and laid their coats on them; and He sat on the coats.

## Matt 21:8

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and others were cutting branches from the trees  
and spreading them in the road.

## Matt 21:9

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."

## Matt 21:10-11

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

1. The crowd was **enthusiastic** but lacked **understanding**.

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Many are just looking for a better life  
NOT a surrendered life!

## Luke 9:23

And He was saying to them all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me.

It's easy to be enthusiastic when God  
is matching your expectations...

2. The crowd was **loud** but not **loyal**

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Isa 29:13

"These people come near to me with their mouth  
and honor me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me.

**Volume does not equal devotion**  
**Public excitement does not equal commitment**

**3. The crowd was close but not committed**

## Phil 3:8

More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of **knowing Christ Jesus my Lord**, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ,

**Phil 3:9**

**and may be found in Him, not having a  
righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but  
that which is through faith in Christ, the  
righteousness which comes from God on the basis  
of faith,**

You can be near Jesus  
and miss Him

The crowd praised Him for who they wanted  
Him to be not for who He truly is...

4. Are you just part of the crowd or are you  
a follower of Jesus?