

## **Matt 21:1-11** Behold Your King!

- I. Introduction:** The entry of Jesus into Jerusalem demonstrated that He was the Messianic Savior and King Israel needed, but He was not the One they wanted.
- II. Behold Your King (Matt 21:1-11).**
- A. The Messiah's Route (v. 1).
1. Jesus' entry into Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives was full of Messianic symbolism and meaning for those Jews who welcomed Him.
- B. The Messiah's Ride (vv. 2-7).
1. Jesus entered Jerusalem, riding on a donkey, fulfilling the prophecy spoken by Zechariah and symbolically identifying Him with the kingdom of David.
- C. The Messiah's Reverence (vv. 8-9).
1. The spontaneous worship that broke out as Jesus entered the city was motivated by their Messianic expectations that He was the Davidic King.
- D. The Messiah's Revelation (vv. 10-11).
1. The crowds who welcomed Jesus into the city did not fully comprehend who He was, only believing Him to be a prophet and not their Messiah.
- III. Conclusion:** Jesus' entry into Jerusalem united His enemies against Him and forced them to accelerate their plans to kill Him.

## **Questions About: Behold Your King!**

1. Do you view Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, on Palm Sunday, as triumphal? What, humanly speaking, made it look successful? Why do all four Gospels record this event?
2. How had Jesus determined to go to Jerusalem for many months? (**Luke 9:51**) Why was such a large crowd gathered? (**John 12:12**) What miracle(s) had He just performed? (**John 12:17**)
3. What was significant about Jesus' route? (**Matt 21:1-11**) What historically occurred on the Mount of Olives? (**2 Sam 15:13-37; Ezek 9:3-11:23**) What will happen there? (**Zech 14:1-9**)
4. What was significant about Jesus riding on a donkey? (**Matt 21:2-7**) What OT prophecy did this fulfill? (**Zech 9:9**) Why did the owners allow Jesus to borrow their donkey? (**v. 3**)
5. How did riding a donkey identify Him with David's kingdom? (**1 Kings 1:33, 44**) How does the prophet say that this indicated Jesus' humility? (**v. 5**) What would a king have ridden?
6. What are the three ways they worshiped Jesus like a King? (**Matt 21:8-9**) What did laying down their coats signify? (**v. 8**) What did waving palm branches indicate? (**v. 8**)
7. What was the song that they shouted? (**Matt 21:8-9**) How did the Jewish leaders respond to Jesus' praise? (**Luke 19:39-40; John 12:19**) Why did Jesus weep for them? (**Luke 19:41-44**)
8. How did Jesus' arrival stir up the city? (**Matt 21:10-11**) Why were they still confused as to Jesus' identity? What did they say about Him? (**v. 11**) What do you say about Jesus?

### **Prayer**

1. Ask God to help you properly worship Jesus by laying all you have at His feet.
2. Pray that Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection will grip you in a new and fresh way.