

Message Notes

Hosanna to the Son of David
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Message Outline

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*When He had entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred,
saying, "Who is this?"
--Matthew 21:10--*

I. The Promised King

- A. Jesus is the King that our hearts long for. . .

- B. Jesus is the King that God promised. . . (21:5, 9)
(Gen. 3:15, Ps. 2, 110, 118, Zech. 9:9)

II. The Paradoxical King

- A. What Jesus rides. . . (21:2-7)
- B. Where Jesus goes. . . (21:12)
- C. Whom Jesus welcomes. . . (21:12-14)

III. The Purifying King

- A. Jesus purifies the Temple (21:12-13)
- B. Jesus purifies those excluded from the Temple (21:14)

IV. The Praiseworthy King

- A. The Offering of their praise (21:15)
- B. The Questioning of their praise (21:16)
- C. The Justification of their praise (21:16, Ps. 8:2)

Growth Group Understanding Questions

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1. Read Matthew 21:1-17 again. Explain the context. When in Jesus' ministry is this happening? What is the statement that Jesus is making? What are some things He is saying about Himself in the way He presents Himself?
2. 21:5 and 21:9 both quote OT passages. Which ones? (Margin notes should tell you!) Look them up. What do these two passages reveal to us about Jesus, now that we know they are about Jesus? Are they exact quotes? What's included and what's missing? Who quotes each one in Matthew 21?
3. How does this passage reveal to us that Jesus is a paradoxical king. ... surprising and not what they/we expect? What's the significance of the colt that Jesus rides? How is Jesus forcing the hand of the religious leaders of the day?
4. In 21:13, which two OT passages does Jesus refer to? Look them up. Is there anything else you learn in these passages that helps explain what Jesus is thinking about as He cleanses the temple? And why He cleanses the temple? Who does Jesus drive away and whom does He welcome in?
5. Look closely at how Jesus answers the indignant chief priests and scribe who question Him in v. 16. What is Jesus quoting here? What is Jesus claiming here? What does Hosanna mean? How is it both a plea and a praise?

Growth Group Application Questions

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1. What is most challenging or new in the text/message this week?
2. Think hard how our hearts long for a king. What evidence do you see of that assertion in history, in myth and legend, in art and media, and in pop-culture? Who or what do folks crown as king today instead of Jesus?
3. What are the practical implications of the truth that Jesus is the PROMISED King? What difference can/should that make for our lives?
4. What are the practical implications of the truth that Jesus is the PARADOXICAL King? What difference can/should that make for our lives?
5. What are the practical implications of the truth that Jesus is the PURIFYING King? What difference can/should that make for our lives?
6. What are the practical implications of the truth that Jesus is the PRAISEWORTHY King? What difference can/should that make for our lives?