

**Matthew 21** <sup>1</sup> As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.”

<sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

<sup>5</sup> “Say to Daughter Zion,  
‘See, your king comes to you,  
gentle and riding on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’”

<sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. <sup>7</sup> They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. <sup>8</sup> A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

<sup>10</sup> When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?”

<sup>11</sup> The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

<sup>12</sup> Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. <sup>13</sup> “It is written,” he said to them, “‘My house will be called a house of prayer,’ but you are making it ‘a den of robbers.’”

<sup>14</sup> The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them. <sup>15</sup> But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and the children shouting in the temple courts, “Hosanna to the Son of David,” they were indignant.

<sup>16</sup> “Do you hear what these children are saying?” they asked him

“Yes,” replied Jesus, “have you never read,

“‘From the lips of children and infants  
you, Lord, have called forth your praise’?”

<sup>17</sup> And he left them and went out of the city to Bethany, where he spent the night.

## Some of the Indicators:

- **Entering from the East—From the Mount of Olives**
- **The Unridden Young Donkey**
- **The Palm Branches and Processional**
- **Accepting the Accolades—“Son of David”**
- **Cleansing the Temple**

## The Perspectives

- **To the “\_\_\_\_\_” He was a King “want-to-be”**
- **To the “\_\_\_\_\_” He was the hoped for “provider” King!**
- **To “\_\_\_\_\_” He was the King who would pay for humanity’s life in “close \_\_\_\_\_ to God now and forever!”**

**Jesus was focused on the ultimate goal of “Humanities life with God”.**

**The Threatened and Excited wanted Him to be a lesser King, granting a lesser salvation with a cross-less price!**

**The Threatened tempted Him to just be an “interesting and engaging teacher. The Excited tempted Him to be the provider of needs and rescuer from pain, political bondage, poverty, religious oppression etc. and for that they would honor Him as King!**

**The Father asked the Son to disregard the distraction of a cross-less future and pay for “REAL LIFE” even for an unimpressed humanity!**