

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS

AUGUST 12, 2020

MATTHEW 21.1-11

### INTRODUCTION:

1. The Messianic prophecies of the Old Testament alone are enough to convince us of two facts.
  - a) The Bible is the inspired word of God. (2 Tim. 3.16).
  - b) There would be a Messiah who would come and save the world. (Rom. 10.16-21)
2. To convince a Jewish audience that Jesus was the Messiah prophesied in the Old Testament, he constantly adds commentary to show that Jesus was fulfilling Old Testament prophecy.
3. In the final week of His life, Jesus fulfilled a number of prophecies. [Read Matthew 21.1-11]

### I. THE RETURN OF JESUS

#### A. Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a colt.

1. **MATTHEW 21.1:** *“Now when they drew near Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage”*
  - a) Luke also mentions the town of Bethany. (cf. John 11.1,2,18)
  - b) **MATTHEW 21.1:** *“at the Mount of Olives”* (cf. Luke 22.39)
2. **MATTHEW 21.2,3:** *“Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose them and bring them to Me.”* (cf. Mark 11.2)
3. Just as with cars today, status was judged by the animal you rode.
  - a) Conquerors rode horses. Was Jesus a conqueror? (1 Cor. 15.57)
  - b) Kings rode elephants. Was Jesus a king? (Heb. 1.8)
  - c) Not just a donkey, but a colt emphasizing peace and humility. (John 12.14)

#### B. Jesus fulfills prophecy.

1. **MATTHEW 21.4:** *“All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet.”* Only mentioned here and alluded to by John. (cf. John 12.14,15)
2. **MATTHEW 21.5:** *“Tell the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your King is coming to you, Lowly, and sitting on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.’”* (cf. Zech. 9.9)
  - a) Reference is made to Jesus as King. (Matt. 1.6; 2.1,2; 27.11)
  - b) Reference is made to Jesus as lowly. (Matt. 20.27,28)
  - c) Reference is made to Jesus as just. (Zech. 9.9; Jer. 23.5,6; Acts 22.14)
  - d) Reference is made to Jesus as Savior. (Zech. 9.9; Matt. 1.21)

### II. THE REACTION OF THE PEOPLE

#### A. The people prepared for Jesus.

1. **MATTHEW 21.8:** *“And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road.”*
  - a) John tells us they were branches from palm trees. (John 12.13)
  - b) To lay their cloaks and branches on the road was to roll out the red carpet.
2. Today, many celebrate this event by handing out palm tree branches during services.

#### B. The people praised Jesus.

1. **MATTHEW 21.9:** *“Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: ‘Hosanna to the Son of David!’”*
  - a) The word “Hosanna” literally meant, “save us now.” Over time, it evolved to become an expression of praise. It is equivalent to “praise the Lord.”
  - b) *‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!’ Hosanna in the highest!’*
2. We have peace with God, because Jesus humbled Himself. (Phil. 2.5-8)