



## *The King and His Kingdom* Matthew 21

### **"The Real King and His Real Kingdom"**

#### **21:1-11 The Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem and the beginning of "Holy Week"**

**Sunday:** Bethany to Jerusalem is three miles on a well-traveled road. On this road, as people are coming to celebrate Passover, a parade breaks out; Jesus is at the peak of His popularity.

According to noted scholar Joachim Jeremias, Jerusalem had a population of 20 to 30 thousand people. But at Passover, one of three festivals that must be celebrated in Jerusalem (Lev. 23 and Deut. 16), the Holy City's population would swell by as much as 150,000.

520 year old prophecy of Zechariah (9:9) fulfilled (Jesus is the Promised one!) **Saturday:**

**"Hosanna" both a prayer and a praise;** means "save" as in "save us, Lord." It is also an expression of praise. It is from two words put together in Hebrew "beseech" and "save" as in *I beseech you to save us Lord* or *I praise You for saving us Lord*.

**"Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord."**  
Psalm 118:26

Jesus quotes this same Psalm before He is crucified (23:39) *"Look, your house is left to you desolate. 39 For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"*

The reference is to Judgment day .

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### **So what does Jesus do with His new popularity?**

**Monday: 21:12-17** Out of divine passion for His Father's house he drives out the money changers and those selling animals for sacrifices at inflated rates— for the second time! But this is just the beginning of Jesus' confrontation of the Jewish leaders...

### **Two other verses show their true motives:** Matt 27:18

*For he (Pilate) knew it was out of envy that they (Jewish Leaders) had handed Jesus over to him. John 11:47-48 "What are we accomplishing?" they asked. "Here is this man performing many miraculous signs. 48 If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and then the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation."*

**Tuesday: 19:28-45** Then He shares two parables, both of which speak against the wicked Pharisees ending with this judgment:

Matt 21:43 *"Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. We are the new Israel. (Read Rom 9:6-8)*

1 Peter 2:9-10 *But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God...*

The Jews were expecting a military, powerful King who would throw off Rome and restore the glory days of King David. What kind of King do we expect Jesus to be for us today? Discuss Matt. 21:43 and 1 Peter 2:9-10.