

**Text: Matthew 21:1-11**

Matthew 21:1-3 “As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 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. If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.””

Matthew 21:4-5 “This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: “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.””

Matthew 21:6-8 “The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.”

Matthew 21:9-11 “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!” When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?” The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

**A. Jesus has all authority.**

1. Riding a donkey signified peace.

- Jesus on a donkey to demonstrate his kingship will be one of peace!

**To Fulfill this Prophecy**

Zechariah 9:9-10 “Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.” 10 “I will take the chariots from Ephraim and the warhorses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from seas to sea.”

**The Gospel of John**

John 12:16 “At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him.”

**2. Jesus proclaims himself King.**

- The crowds declared Jesus to be “the prophet from Nazareth.” (21:11).
- Jesus was and is the King and Messiah.

**During his life and ministry Jesus consistently demonstrated true authority.**

Jesus spoke with authority. (Mark 1:22).

Jesus protected people from storms and waves. (Mark 4:39).

Jesus healed them from blindness. (John 9:7).

Jesus healed lepers (Matthew 8:3), and fevers. (Mark 1:31).

Jesus set people free from evil spirits (Matthew 8:32), and demons. (Luke 4:41).

**Jesus spoke and the devil left him.**

Matthew 4:10-11 “Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve’ Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.”

**Jesus used his authority to save, heal, and make people whole.**

John 3:17 “God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.”

**B. Jesus is courageous.**

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- Jesus courageously made himself the sacrificial lamb entering the city.

**Let's be specific: If you are courageous...**

You will do the right thing regardless of the consequences.

You will feel fear but do it anyway.

You will not stop at failure.

You will risk being criticized.

You will pursue purpose over comfort.

**C. Who do you say that Jesus is?**

- Jesus was only interested in becoming king in the hearts of each and every person, for his kingdom was not of this world.
- They shouted, “Hosanna!” which means “Save now!” (Psalm 118:25).

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**Jesus Entered the temple area.**

Matthew 21:12 “Jesus entered the temple area 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.”

Matthew 21:13-15 “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.’” The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them. But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things

he did and the children shouting in the temple area, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they were indignant.

Matthew 21:16 " 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'?"

### **Praise Silences the Enemy**

Psalm 8:2 From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.

### **The LORD is a Warrior.**

Isaiah 42:13 "The LORD will march out like a champion,  
like a warrior he will stir up his zeal;  
with a shout he will raise the battle cry  
and will triumph over his enemies."

### **Jesus is Our Courageous King**

#### **Have you confessed Jesus as Lord?**

Romans 10:9-11 "If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame."