

HOLY WEEK

Eight Days with Jesus



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April 5th, Palm Sunday

Read Matthew 21: 1-11

I see Matthew as a man with a mission. His work opens the New Testament with single-minded purpose. He aims to prove Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah, Son of David. His gospel is layered with “as it is written” references. He loves detailing how the events of Jesus’ life fulfill written prophecy.

Through Matthew’s eyes, we don’t see a man arriving on the scene haphazardly, claiming to be God’s Son. We see the promised Messiah arriving when, where, and how, He had been purposed to enter God’s appointed timeline. Matthew’s love of Scripture is evident in his account of Palm Sunday.

In addition to telling us Jesus sent his men to procure the donkey he would ride on into Jerusalem, Matthew makes sure we know this fulfilled prophecy. Read and record Zechariah 9:9 in the space provided below.

The city of Jerusalem was crowded. Entire families were spilling into it from the surrounding countryside to celebrate the Feast of Passover. Many would’ve heard stories of this prophet and his miraculous ministry, even if they hadn’t seen them for themselves. They were also well versed in Scripture and the history of their people. They would’ve known Zechariah’s prophecy and the significance of Jesus entering on the back of a donkey.

In your own words, record the people’s response to Jesus’ arrival according to Matthew 21: 8-9?

Jesus received a triumphant reception in Jerusalem, and He was hailed as the Messiah. Within a few short days, the chant of the crowd would go from blessing His Name to calling for His crucifixion. This is what I want us to think about as we behold Jesus today.

How did it feel for You to receive their praises, knowing they would soon reject You?

The next one cuts deeper.

How many times have you received my praise knowing I would soon reject your Lordship and assert my own will?

For as surely as they knew who You were, we do. Look up Romans 1:20. In your own words, what does this verse say to anyone who says they aren't sure God exists.

They knew. We know. What will we do with what we know? Compose a prayer below, journaling the way you want to respond going forward. Don't forget to ask Holy Spirit for His help in your prayer. Our own efforts will fail every time.
