

Who Is This?

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Matthew 21:1-10, 15-17 ¹As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent out two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt beside her. Untie them and bring them to Me. ³If anyone questions you, tell him that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: ⁵“Say to the Daughter of Zion, ‘See, your King comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’ ⁶So the disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and laid their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them. ⁸A massive crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of Him and those that followed were shouting: “Hosanna to the Son of David!” “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Hosanna in the highest!” ¹⁰When Jesus had entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?”

¹⁵But the chief priests and scribes were indignant when they saw the wonders He performed and the children shouting in the temple courts, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” ¹⁶“Do you hear what these children are saying?” they asked. “Yes,” Jesus answered. “Have you never read: ‘From the mouths of children and infants You have ordained praise’?” ¹⁷Then He left them and went out of the city to Bethany, where He spent the night. (BSB)

I. What are the details of this passage?

- A.** This is the story of the **Triumphal** Entry. This is why we celebrate Palm Sunday.
- B.** This story mentions 2 donkeys, but other passages only mention one. How do we deal with apparent **discrepancies** such as this? V. 2, 7
 - 1.** We must understand the benefits of **multiple** witnesses of the same events.
 - 2.** We must defend the **purity** of these type of accounts in Scripture.
- C.** The two disciples trusted Jesus and did what He asked, even if it was **uncomfortable**. V. 6
- D.** A massive crowd welcomed Him as Messiah. V. 8-9 Hosanna means **“Please Save Us”**. It also came to represent the bundles of cut branches that were laid down in the road.

Psalms 118:26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. From the house of the LORD we bless you. (BSB)
- E.** The city began asking an important **question**. V. 10

II. How can we apply these truths?

- A. It is essential that we pass along to the next generation what we **believe** and why we **believe** this way.
- B. It is important that we learn to **defend** what we believe to non-believers.
- C. We need to **stretch** our faith and do things that God wants us to do even if it is uncomfortable.
- D. We need to keep it fresh in our memory that we are saved by **faith** in the grace that only Jesus Christ can give. This protects us from arrogance and keeps us humble.
- E. We must have a **biblically** based view of who Jesus is. Without this we may be worshipping the wrong God.