

Sermon # 636

Mt 21:1 ¶ Now when they drew near Jerusalem, and came to **Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives**, then Jesus sent two disciples,

2 saying to them, "**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.**

3 "**And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and immediately he will send them.**"

4 All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying:

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.'"** **Zechariah 9:9**

6 So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them.

7 They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set Him on them.

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.

9 Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: "**Hosanna to the Son of David! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' Hosanna in the highest!"**

- Hosanna; means save now!
- Sir Robert Anderson in his book *The Coming Prince* Calculated from the prophecy in Daniel 9 and using the Julian (lunar) calendar that 173,880 days were to pass from the time the prophecy spoke about until the coming Messiah. As Matthew describes Jesus' final Passover we can calculate precisely this date as April 6th AD 32 which comes out exactly 173,880 days! The Jews knew He was coming!
- **Lu 19:41,42** ¶ Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, 42 saying, "If you had known, even you, **especially in this your day**, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.
- **Ps 118:19-29** ¶ Open to me the gates of righteousness; I will go through them, And I will praise the LORD. 20 This is the gate of the LORD, Through which the righteous shall enter. 21 I will praise You, For You have answered me, And have become my salvation. 22 The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. 23 This was the LORD'S doing; It is marvelous in our eyes. 24 **This is the day the LORD has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.** 25 Save now, (*Hosanna*) I pray, O LORD; O LORD, I pray, send now prosperity. 26 **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!** We have blessed you from the house of the LORD. 27 **God is the LORD, And He has given us light;** Bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar. 28 You are my God, and I will praise You; You are my God, I will exalt You. 29 Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.
- In one way, this crowd was glorious. "It is a mark of Christ's presence when the church becomes enthusiastic. We sometimes hear complaints about revivals being too exciting. Perhaps the censure is deserved, but I would like to see a little of the fault. This age does not generally sin in the direction of being too excited concerning divine things. We have erred so long on the other side that, perhaps, a little excess in the direction of fervor might not be the worst of all calamities; at any rate, I would not fear to try it." (Spurgeon)

10 And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, "**Who is this?"**

11 So the multitudes said, "**This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee.**"

- **De 18:18** (*God speaking*) 'I will raise up for them a Prophet like you (*Moses*) from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, (*Jesus*) and He shall speak to them all that I command Him.

12 ¶ Then **Jesus went into the temple of God** and drove out all those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves.

13 And He said to them, **"It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you have made it a 'den of thieves.'"**

- **Isa 56:7** Even them I will bring to My holy mountain, And make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices Will be accepted on My altar; For **My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations.**"
- **Jer 7:11** **"Has this house,** which is called by My name, **become a den of thieves in your eyes?** Behold, I, even I, have seen it," says the LORD.
- **1Co 3:16,17** ¶ Do you not know that **you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?** 17 If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.
- **1Co 6:19** Or do you not know that **your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you,** whom you have from God, and you are not your own?
- **2Co 6:16** And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For **you are the temple of the living God.** As God has said: "I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people."

14 Then **the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them.**

15 But **when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that He did,** and the children crying out in the temple and saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" **they were indignant**

16 and said to Him, **"Do You hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes. Have you never read, 'Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have perfected praise'?"**

- **Ps 8:1,2** ¶ <<To the Chief Musician. On the instrument of Gath. A Psalm of David.>> **O LORD, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth,** Who have set Your glory above the heavens! 2 Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength, Because of Your enemies, That You may silence the enemy and the avenger.
- **Ro 15:8-11** Now I say that **Jesus Christ has become a servant** to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made to the fathers, 9 and **that the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy,** as it is written: "For this reason I will confess to You among the Gentiles, And sing to Your name." 10 And again he says: **"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people!"** 11 And again: **"Praise the LORD, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!"**

17 Then He left them and went out of the city to Bethany, and He lodged there.