

Responding to Jesus

Matthew 21:1-10

Let's consider the significance of Jesus's Triumphant Entry

Normally, Jesus did not try to draw much attention to Himself.

Now it was time to boldly declare that He was the Messiah.

Jesus did this for two reasons:

1. To fulfill scripture. **Zechariah 9:9**

2. To outrage the Pharisees enough to complete their plan to crucify Him.

This morning our focus will be on the response of the people to Jesus' entrance.

I. THEY SHOUTED PRAISES

What did the people shout?

A. *Hosanna* is a Hebrew word meaning "Pray, save us".

B. *Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the LORD!* Psalms 118:25, 26

C. *Hail to the King of Israel!* John 12:12, 13

D. *Blessings on the coming Kingdom of our ancestor David.* Mark 11:10

E. *Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the LORD!* Luke 19:38-40

II. THEY SPREAD THEIR GARMENTS ON THE ROAD AHEAD OF HIM

Matthew 21:8a

This was a way for people to honor a leader.

Jewish history shows us this was customary among the Jews. 2 Kings 9:13

Then, the people had done that for King Jehu.

Here, the people laid their cloaks on the road for Jesus to walk on.

Have you laid your life on the altar for Jesus?

III. THEY CUT BRANCHES AND SPREAD THEM ON THE ROAD. Matthew 21:8b

We find three times in scripture where palm branches are used in praise:

A. As they observed the feast called Tabernacles. Leviticus 23:39, 40

B. The Triumphant Entry of Jesus --- the event we are studying today.

C. One day we shall be lined up on the golden streets of heaven and get to praise the Lord Jesus directly as He passes by. Revelation 7:9

IV. SHOUTS OF PRAISE ON SUNDAY WERE FOLLOWED BY SHOUTS OF CRUCIFY HIM ON FRIDAY.

Have you allowed Jesus to make a triumphant entrance into your heart?

A true triumphant entry?

If you have invited Jesus into your heart,

are you giving Him genuine praise or lip service?

If you haven't, then come this morning and

invite Him to triumphantly enter your heart as Lord and Master, yes as your King!!

Make this the day that Jesus triumphs in your life.