

THE Tragedy OF THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

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Matthew 21:11

Introduction:

- The triumph of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem was tragically short-lived. The same crowd who on Sunday yelled "Hosanna," screamed "Crucify Him!" on Friday. How did this happen?
- Closer to home, if we're honest, we'll admit we know of many once-professing Christians who used to "wave palm branches" but now "shake their fist." How does this happen?
- Today, we'll see how the crowd tragically lost their zeal for Jesus. But more importantly, we'll learn a few safeguards for ensuring this doesn't happen to us.

Jesus intentionally entered the city as a _____.
(Matthew 21:1-9)

- He did this to fulfill the prophecy of Zechariah 9:9-17.
- Consider the meaning of "hosanna"

Cf. Psalm 118:25-26
Hebrew – *ysuah*; meaning

- During that week, the King taught about His _____.
(Ch. 21-25)

Parable of the two sons (Ch. 21):

Parable of the tenants (Ch. 21):

Parable of the wedding banquet (Ch. 22):

Parable of the talents (Ch. 25):

Parable of the sheep and goats (Ch. 25):

- By Friday, the people were shouting "Crucify Him!" (27:22)

The question "Why?" begs to be asked. Why did they shout "Hosanna" on Sunday and "Crucify Him" on Friday? The answer may be right under our noses.

But the people merely saw Jesus as a _____. (21:10-11)
The whole city...asked, "Who is this?" The crowds answered, "This is Jesus the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

**When you invite Jesus into the "Jerusalem" of your life,
He does not come only to instruct. He comes to _____!**

Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.
Matthew 7:21

Conclusion:

The Bible says that one day _____ knee will bow in submission and honor to Jesus the King of Kings. Until then, _____ knee will continue to bow. Will yours?

I here and now make Jesus the _____ of my life.