

Matthew 21

Jesus' Entry Into Jerusalem

Overview of Matthew till now

- With 28 chapters in Matthew we are now $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way through Matthews Gospel.
- If Jesus lived 33 years from birth to Ascension –
 - ~ $\frac{2}{3}$ (71%) of Matthew's Gospel covers the first 32.5 yrs of Jesus' life
 - ~ $\frac{1}{4}$ (29%) covers the one week before Jesus death and Resurrection
 - Only 5 verses cover the time following the Resurrection
- Therefore, Matthew's Gospel heavily emphasizes the passion and death of Christ.
- Similarly, 38% of Mark's Gospel, 23% of Luke's Gospel and 45% of John's Gospel are devoted to the one week of Passion, Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus

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- Chapters 1-2 The Birth of Jesus
- Chapters 3-4 Jesus is Baptized and Tempted in the Desert
- Chapters 5-7 The Sermon on the Mount (Jesus teaches the masses)
- Chapters 8-9 Jesus heals many people
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- Chapter 10 Jesus Prepares the 12 Apostles
- Chapters 11-12 Jesus Responds to John the Baptist
- Chapters 13 Jesus teaches the kingdom Parables
- Chapter 14-17 Jesus Feeds thousands and heals many
- Chapter 18 -20 Jesus Teaches his Disciples
- **Chapter 21 Jesus Goes to Jerusalem to Die**

Matthew 21:1-11

Begin with review of Matthew 20:17-19

Then Read

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Notable features of this passage...

- The people greeted Jesus as they would a political or military leader, which is what many expected Messiah to be. (Initial comparison to the Macabbees as political and militia liberators from the Greeks)
- Hosanna is a Hebrew word meaning “Long live” or “Save us” (Compare to “God save the Queen” or “The king is dead, long live the king!”)

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- The Donkey, a prophecy from Zechariah. Also, Solomon designated his heir to the throne by parading him through the streets on a donkey (1Ki 1:33-44).
- “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord” has been added to the Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) as an ending of praise to Jesus.

Matthew 21:12-17

Notable features of this passage...

- When the Maccabees cleansed the Temple, they drove out the Gentiles who had defiled it, so that the Jews could return and worship.
- When Jesus enters the Temple, who has defiled it? How does Jesus cleanse it?
(Answer: the people of God have defiled their own Temple. Jesus must drive them out so that the Gentiles can enter the Temple and worship God. He will also work to bring his people to repentance and restoration.)