

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

PALM SUNDAY - Matthew 21:1-17 - Reigning in Righteousness - 04.13.2025

1. Is there anything specific from this message that the Lord has impressed upon your heart?
If so, what is it & how do you feel the Lord calling you to respond?
2. Toward the top of the message, I shared a couple of times of great anticipation in my own life - the arrival of our two sons!
Have you had seasons of great anticipation for some specific length of time (or maybe an unspecified length of time)?
What specifically comes to mind for you, & how did the arrival of what you'd anticipated line up with your expectations?
How does that relate to the anticipation for centuries (or even millennia) of the arrival of the Messiah for the Jewish people?
As you consider the biblical texts on the Triumphal Entry, how did Jesus' arrival line-up with their messianic expectations
****Biblical Passages on the Triumphal Entry: Matthew 21:1-11, Mark 11:1-11, Luke 19:28-44, & John 12:12-19.*
3. How does the Triumphal Entry reveal that people often only want God to work in accordance with our own expectations?
In what ways did people rightly identify Jesus as the Messiah, but turn away because of their incorrect messianic expectations?
As you think about your life, have you ever lost hope because God didn't meet the expectations that you had of Him?
How were you able to recognize that you had wrong expectations of Him that led to your disappointment?
How did the Lord restore your hope in Him; did He change your circumstances, perspective, or both?
4. Read Matthew 21:12-17
How does what takes place in these verses relate to what was written in the previous section of The Triumphal Entry?
What is the significance of Jesus clearing out the Temple at this time & how does it reflect His righteous reign?
How is He displaying "righteous indignation" compared to the sinful indignation of the chief priests/scribes here?
If you were to carry out a similar action, do you believe your actions would be righteous or not? Why/why not?
5. How can we rightfully worship Jesus as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords in every aspect of our lives? What does this look like?
6. Below are the "Today's Takeaways" from the sermon. Do any of these particularly encourage, convict, challenge, you, & if so, how?
The crowds see that Jesus is truly the Messiah!
Do we see Him as the Anointed One of God?
Jesus gives a greater salvation than they knew!
Do we know the greatness of salvation in Jesus?
Jesus has been righteous in all He's ever done!
Do we see our sin in light of His righteousness?
Jesus reigns forevermore as the King of kings!
Do we submit to & trust Him as He deserves?