“HOSANNA TO THE SON OF DAVID!”

Matthew 21:1–17

Key Verse: 21:9

1. Where were they, and what was about to happen? (1) What assignment did Jesus give two disciples? (2) Why might their doing this upset people, and how did Jesus reassure them? (3) What principle for Christian life is in his words “The Lord needs them”?
2. What prophecy would this fulfill? (4,5) What can we learn here about Jesus’ character as King? Describe the scene (6–8). Why were people putting their cloaks or tree branches on the road ahead of him?
3. Read verse 9. What does the word “Hosanna!” mean, and how does it reveal the deep meaning of Jesus’ coming? (cf. 1:21) What does it mean that he is the “Son of David”? That he “comes in the name of the Lord”? How can we shout such praises about Jesus with real conviction?
4. What happened when he entered Jerusalem? (10,11) Why do you think the whole city was “stirred”? (compare with 2:2,3) Where did Jesus go, what did he do there, and why? (12) How did he rebuke people? (13) What can we learn here from his character and view of the temple?
5. When the merchants were driven out, what happened, and what else does this reveal about Jesus? (14) How did the religious leaders react, and why? (15,16a) How did Jesus answer them? (16b) Why were the children and infants the ones who tended to be praising Jesus? (cf. 19:14) Where did Jesus go? (17)