

Matthew 21:1-17- Jesus Cleanses And Saves.

This is Christ's last week, thousands had gathered and more were flocking Jerusalem to celebrate the Feast Of Passover; remembering their deliverance from Egypt. This is the climax of His life and ministry. This is referred to as the Triumphal Entry; likened to a grand return of a victorious warrior.

Jesus knew that the religious leaders were going to arrest Him, condemn Him, mock Him, scourge Him and deliver Him to the Romans for crucifixion. He knew that His closest followers were going to forsake and deny him; yet He had the courage to not only enter Jerusalem, but to enter in as public way as possible.

These events are fulfilling prophecies:-

Zechariah 9:9—*“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, lowly and riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey.*

Daniel 9:25 - *“Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the command to restore and build Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince, there shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublesome times...*

The crowds chant welcoming their King to Jerusalem, into the center of their worship, the Temple.

Psalms 118:24-26 - *This is the day the LORD has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Save now, I pray, O LORD; O LORD, I pray, send now prosperity. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We have blessed you from the house of the LORD.*

'Hosanna' was a cry for salvation or deliverance; they longed for their freedom from Roman oppression, Jesus was coming for their cleansing and eternal redemption.

Isaiah 56:7 - *"My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations?"*

Jesus demanded that the temple be a place for *all nations* to pray, the activity of **all those who bought and sold in the** outer courts made it impossible for any seeking Gentile to come and pray. After driving out the moneychangers and the merchants from the temple courts, Jesus heals.

Psalms 8:2a - *Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants you have ordained strength...*

i. Jesus comes to cleanse.

Isaiah 1:18 - "Come now, and let us reason together, "Says the LORD,
"Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though
they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

1 Corinthians 6:19 - Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the
Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your
own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and
in your spirit, which are God's.

ii. Jesus comes to save.

Matthew 23:37 - "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets
and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your
children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you
were not willing!

Matthew 11:28 - "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I
will give you rest.