

Series: Alive; Sermon: **How Palm Sunday Can Change Your Life**
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Bible text explored: Matthew 21:1–11

¹Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

⁵“Say to the daughter of Zion,
‘Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”^[a]

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! Hosanna in the highest!” ¹⁰And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” ¹¹And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.” [ESV]

^[a]Zech. 9:9

Review and application:

1. What (vv.2-3) assignment did Jesus give to the two disciples?
What mission are we told (vv. 4-5) was behind this assignment?
How (v. 6a) did the disciples respond?
2. Are you aware of being tasked by the Lord with a mission?
What is it based on?
Are you seeking to obey his call without raising “practical” objections?
3. How did Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem differ from the normal victorious processions of kings returning from battle?
What did the disciples’ garments placed on the donkey colt (v. 6b) indicate?
(See 2 Kings 9:13.)
What message was symbolized by the mount he chose to ride?
4. How (vv. 8-9) did the throng lining the way react to Jesus’ arrival?
5. What answers to the urgent “Who is this?” of the spectators are provided in this passage?
 - a) _____, (v. 5).
 - b) _____, (v. 9). *The word Hosanna, originally a plea for rescue, by this time prompted celebration for deliverance.*
(The crowd’s shouts echoed Psalm 118, especially vv. 25-26.)
 - c) _____, (v. 11)
6. As a new disciple, how did you understand the “Who is this?” question?
How has your understanding of the Infinite One grown?
7. Has the way you live and interact caused a “stir” among those with whom you rub shoulders?
If your answer is “no,” what needs to change?