

What Kind Of King Did They Want? - 04/14/19

TEXT – Mat 21:1-11 *And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples,*

INTRO –When Jesus is accused, when he is brought by Pilate before the angry mobs, they want to be rid of him. Jesus, in their minds, never did what they wanted him to do. He never defeated the Romans, he never dissolved the unfair tax system, he never put common people in charge of the government, and furthermore, he never would.

Jesus ministry is divided into three periods of time:

- 1. The year of obscurity** – John the Baptist was prominent
- 2. The year of Popularity** – He performed many of His miracles
- 3. The year of opposition** – The Jewish leaders opposed Him

I. The Common People Wanted A King To Deliver Them From Their Problems.

Palm Sunday is the day on which Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the back of a young donkey. This day has been described by Christians as the “**triumphal entry into Jerusalem.**”

A. A Day of Two Processions

1. In the year 30 AD, Roman historians record that the governor of Judea, Pontius Pilate, led a procession of Roman cavalry and centurions into the city of Jerusalem. The last major uprising, long before Pilate’s time, had been after the death of Herod the Great in 4 BC. After putting down the rebellion, the Romans marched on Jerusalem. They crucified over 2,000 Jews who were accused of being part of the rebellion.

2. Jesus enters from the east on a young donkey

(Triumphal entry) Zec 9:9 *Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.*

Many people were looking for deliverance from Rome and hoped that Jesus would be that leader.

B. The last days of Jesus life on earth

This begins Passion Week. Soon Jesus would be betrayed falsely accused and crucified.

II. Jesus Taught His Disciples

A. Curses the fig tree – No fruit

B. Cleanses the Temple – Evil fruit Covetousness

C. Condemnation of the hypocritical leaders - Matthew 23:24-33

D. The Coming again - Matt. 24-25 Olivet discourse

E. Communion service – The Last Supper

F. He washed the disciple’s feet

G. Abiding in the vine John 15

H. Prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane

III. The Rejection By The Jewish Leaders

A. The Herodians

Mat 22:15-17 *Then went the Pharisees, and took counsel how they might entangle him in his talk. 16 And they sent out unto him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, Master, we know that thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest thou for any man: for thou regardest not the person of men. 17 Tell us therefore, What thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not?*

B. The Sadducees

Mat 22:23-30 *The same day came to him the Sadducees, which say that there is no resurrection, and asked him, 24 Saying, Master, Moses said, If a man die, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife, and raise up seed unto his brother. 25 Now there were with us seven brethren: and the first, when he had married a wife, deceased, and, having no issue, left his wife unto his brother: 26 Likewise the second also, and the third, unto the seventh. 27 And last of all the woman died also. 28 Therefore in the resurrection whose wife shall she be of the seven? for they all had her. 29 Jesus answered and said unto them, **Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.** 30 **For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.***

C. The Lawyer

Mat 22:35-36 *Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying, 36 Master, which is the great commandment in the law?*

D. The Subtlety of the leaders

Mat 26:3-4 *Then assembled together the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders of the people, unto the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, 4 And consulted that they might take Jesus by subtilty, and kill him.*

CONCL – Do you want a savior to deliver your soul or do you want a king that will provide good things? John 6:2 *And a great multitude followed him, because they saw his miracles which he did on them that were diseased.*