

Lamb Selection Day

Matthew 21:1-11

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I. The Lord has need of them. **Matthew 21:1-3**

"The owner relinquished his rights and _____ of the colt and recognized something or someone more powerful than him was exercising their rights to the use of that animal." (Raeburn) **John 15:16**

- As we grow in our Christian walk with the Lord, we begin to realize the Lord has a plan and a _____ for us in His kingdom.

II. Prophecy fulfilled. **Matthew 21:4-6**

The Disciples didn't understand Jesus was not coming as the physical king to fight Rome, but instead as the **King of _____!**

- For three years Jesus has been urging those He healed not to tell other people who He is; but now the time has come for the first _____ proclamation, Israel's Messiah is here!

Jesus is about to present Himself to all of Israel, to be inspected by them as the Lamb of _____, one week prior to Passover.

III. Save Now! **Matthew 21:7-9**

Leviticus 23:40 *And you shall take for yourselves on the first day the fruit of beautiful trees, branches of palm trees, the boughs of leafy trees, and willows of the brook; and you shall _____ before the LORD your God for seven days. NKJV*

- The crowd is basically shouting, "Save us _____!"

Not just any blood would do, it had to come from a perfect, spotless _____ . **Hebrews 9:22**

IV. The city is moved. **Matthew 21:10-11**

The word "**moved**" in **Matthew 21:10** is the Greek word "*seio*"; it means to shake, agitate, or to cause to _____.

- When Jesus enters into a person, nothing will ever be the _____. Jesus was hoping that the city would recognize and _____ the free gift of salvation.

Luke 19:40 *But He answered and said to them, "I tell you that if these should keep silent, the _____ would immediately cry out." NKJV*

We should have the same heart as Jesus; recognizing people who are destroying themselves with their sin and being _____ over it.

V. Practical Application.

Today, we are given a chance to _____ the Lamb and receive salvation.

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

1. Read **Matthew 21:1-11**. Picture yourself as the devout Jew who was watching the events in **Matthew 21** unfold; a Jew who knew the prophecy found in **Zechariah 9**. *What would you be expecting this King to do? What would you do if you were part of the crowd?*
2. Read **Matthew 21:1-3** and discuss what is meant by the Lord having need of the donkey and its foal. *In what ways does the Lord have need of His followers?*
Ephesians 2:10, John 15:16, James 4:14, Ecclesiastes 3:11, Colossians 1:16, Romans 12:1-2, Proverbs 16:4
3. Read **Matt. 21:4-6** and **Daniel 9:25-26**. *How close to the day was this prediction fulfilled? What other predictions were fulfilled on the day of the Triumphant Entry? What can we personally learn by these biblical predictions?*
Zechariah 9:9, 2 Kings 9:13, Leviticus 23:40, Psalm 118:26-28, Luke 19:39-44
4. *Why was it Biblically necessary for Jesus to present Himself to Jerusalem before His crucifixion? What is significant about the four day Passover lamb inspection?*
John 1:29, Exodus 12:3-6, 1 Peter 1:18-19, Hebrews 9:22
5. *What did the people of Jerusalem, as well as the Disciples, misunderstand about the prophecy of Messiah?*
Zechariah 9:10, John 12:16, Isaiah 52:13—53:12
6. *Why did the religious leaders ask Jesus to silence His Disciples in **Luke 19:39**? What was Jesus' response in **Luke 19:40**?*
7. *Why did Jesus weep over Jerusalem in **Luke 19:41-44**? What should our response be to the spiritually blind?*