

## An Up-close & Personal Focus on

### The Foundation Of Our Faith

Easter Season 2023

#### *When The Sacrificial Lamb Was Revealed*

—Matthew 21:1–17

—For much of Jesus’ ministry He urged people to be quiet about who He was. When He healed He told people not to say anything; when He confronted demons who recognized Him as the Son of God He told them to be quiet. That’s because it wasn’t time for Him to declare Himself as the Messiah. On that day when He rode into Jerusalem on the colt of a donkey, His time had come.

—**Matthew 16:13–17** Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He was asking His disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but still others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets." He \*said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon, son of John, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

#### The FOCUS found in Today’s Study

**Matthew 21:1–17 identifies Jesus’ role as Messiah!**

The Triumphal Entry presents a \_\_\_\_\_  
encouraging us to \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus as our \_\_\_\_\_  
& \_\_\_\_\_ Him as the \_\_\_\_\_ God promised  
thru-out the Old Testament. It also urges us \_\_\_\_\_ anything  
that \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of God’s \_\_\_\_\_ !

#### —Observing the Context leading up to Our Study:

- 1} The parable about a landowner & his hired workers {20:1-16}
- 2} A prediction of Jesus’ death & resurrection {20:17-19}
- 3} John & James’ special request for seats of honor {20:20-28}
- 4} Healing the blind on the outskirts of Jericho {20:29-34}

#### —Observing the Content of Our Study:

- 1— Jesus sent two disciples to bring Him a donkey & her colt. {21:1-6}
  - Jericho to Jerusalem; 17 miles & 3000 ft altitude increase
  - precise & specific instructions to find this colt
  - fulfilled prophecy from Zechariah 9:9
  - most Jewish people understood this was about the coming Messiah
  - everything was exactly as Jesus had said

#### **THIS ASSERTS THE LORD’S \_\_\_\_\_**

- 2— Jesus rode the colt into Jerusalem. {21:7-11}

- His disciples & friends placed coats on the donkey colt.
- Jesus sat on the coats on this “unbroken” colt.
- the huge crowd placed coats & branches on the road.
- they expressed praises from Psalm 118.
- the city was stirred, asking, “Who is this?”
- the crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth.”

#### **THIS ACKNOWLEDGES THAT JESUS IS THE \_\_\_\_\_**

- 3— Jesus entered into the Temple of God. {21:12-13}
  - Jesus drove out the merchants & money-changers!
    - their presence converted a holy place into a place of **contempt**.
    - Jesus’ response was prompted by the need to **correct & cleanse**.
    - Jesus quoted Isaiah 56:7 & Jeremiah 7:11.

- In spite of the **chaos & clutter**, Jesus had **purified** the temple!
  - The ultimate Passover Lamb had entered . . .
  - This fulfilled Malachi 3.

**THIS AFFIRMS THE LORD’S \_\_\_\_\_ &  
ADMONISHES US TO RETAIN A \_\_\_\_\_ FOR GOD.**

- 4— Jesus healed many people & they expressed praise to Him {21:14-17}
  - this cleansing transformed the Temple for Jesus’ ministry.
  - showing great compassion, Jesus healed many people.
  - Jesus received & accepted the praise of children.
  - the Jewish leaders were upset, angry, & offended.
  - Jesus responded by quoting from Psalm 8.
    - He acknowledged their praise & revealed His authority (again).
    - He also revealed His role as Messiah & Lord over all.

**THIS ADMITS THAT JESUS IS GOD’S \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Observing the “Biblical” Conclusions of Today’s Study: applications**

—1) **The Lord’s entrance into Jerusalem revealed that**

—2) **Jesus cleansed the temple in order to**

—We should be alert to

—3) **Jesus focused His judgment on**

—We should be more concerned about

—4) **All praise & honor**