

# Message Notes

## “Is He the One?”

### Matthew 21:1-6 (ESV)

April 9, 2017

#### God’s Providence Calls to Jesus

- ◆ **An Unassuming Start – “Richard Smoked”**
- ◆ **An Undeniable Story**
  - ◆ **He Read**

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him! (Psalm 34:8)
  - ◆ **He Repented**
  - ◆ **He Returned**
- ◆ **An Unending Situation:**

“Is Jesus offering something so valuable it is worth this risk?”

#### God’s Prophets Confirmed Through Jesus

- ◆ **His Return (. . . up to Jerusalem)**

“Everyone was going to Jerusalem, or had those near and dear to them there, or at least watched the festive processions to the Metropolis of Judaism. It was a gathering of universal Israel, that of the memorial of the birth-night of the nation, and of its Exodus, when friends from afar would meet, and new friends be made; when offerings long due would be brought, and purification long needed be obtained.” (Alfred Edersheim)
- ◆ **His Reason**
  - ◆ **Awaited Crucifixion: The Death He Accepted**

And as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside, and on the way he said to them, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified, and he will be raised on the third day.” (Matthew 20:17-19)
  - ◆ **Announced Coronation: The Destiny He Acknowledged**

And many nations shall come, and say: “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. (Micah 4:2)

At that time Jerusalem shall be called the throne of the LORD, and all nations shall gather to it, to the presence of the LORD in Jerusalem, and they shall no more stubbornly follow their own evil heart. (Jeremiah 3:17)
  - ◆ **Acknowledged the Crisis: The Debate He Awakened**

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. (John 11:45-46)

◆ **His Requirement**

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying 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. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.”

(Matthew 21:1-3)

◆ **A Definite Place (Mt. of Olives)**

◆ **A Detailed Prophecy**

This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, “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.’”

(Matthew 21:4-5)

Behold, the LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to the daughter of Zion, “Behold, your salvation comes; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.”

(Isaiah 62:11)

Then I will encamp at my house as a guard, so that none shall march to and fro; no oppressor shall again march over them, for now I see with my own eyes.

(Zechariah 9:9)

◆ **A Dramatic Picture**

◆ **Remembering Royalty**

The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples. Binding his foal to the vine and his donkey’s colt to the choice vine, he has washed his garments in wine and his vesture in the blood of grapes.

(Genesis 49:10-11)

◆ **Recognizing His Role**

◆ **As Sovereign Lord**

◆ **As Peaceable King**

“In 20:25-28, Jesus has spoken of a type of leadership which is completely opposed to the world’s notions of kingship and authority, and now He models it in the ‘meekness’ of His royal procession to the city.”(R. T. France)

**God’s Pardon Completed in Jesus**

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.”

(Isaiah 52:7)

◆ **By Exclaiming an Eternal Truce**

◆ **By Ensuring Eternal Treasures**

◆ **By Expressing His Eternal Throne**

“God’s rule is gentle and light. It’s peace-giving, life-giving and beauty-creating.

Our non-Christian friends, meanwhile, live in bondage to the oppressive rule of sinful desire, worldly ideologies and fallen spiritual powers.”

(Jonathan Leeman)

*And 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!”*

(Matthew 21:9)

*Are we as enthusiastic as the crowds were that day for what Jesus offers?*

(Pastor Dave)