

3. YOUR PRAISE & WORSHIP _____ THE ENEMY

In Matthew 21:16, Jesus was quoting Psalm 8:2. Jesus did not finish the whole verse, but his listeners would have been familiar with the verse and its meaning.

Psalm 8:2 "From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger."



MATTHEW 21:4-5 & 8-16

"This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: 'Say to the Daughter of Zion, See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

'Hosanna to the Son of David!'

'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'

'Hosanna in the highest!'

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, 'Who is this?' The crowds answered, 'This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.'

Jesus entered the temple area and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. 'It is written,' he said, **'My house will be called a house of prayer, but you are making it a den of robbers.'** The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them. But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and the children shouting in the temple area, *'Hosanna to the Son of David,'* they were indignant. 'Do you hear what these children are saying?' they asked him. 'Yes,' replied Jesus, 'have you never read, **'From the lips of children and infants you have perfected praise'?**'

ON PALM SUNDAY, JESUS TAUGHT ABOUT _____ & _____

KEYS TO TRUE PRAISE & WORSHIP:

1. GOD IS _____ OF YOUR PRAISE & WORSHIP

When Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, He entered as _____

Jesus fulfilled the words of the prophet Zechariah, who spoke about a king who would enter the city of Jerusalem. Zechariah prophesied 500 years before Jesus was born.

Zechariah 9:9 "Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

Matthew 21:10 says that "the whole city was stirred." Why?

Luke's Gospel account of Palm Sunday includes Jesus speaking about the importance of praise:

Luke 19:39-40 (NIV) "Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Teacher, rebuke your disciples!' 'I tell you,' Jesus replied, 'if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.'"

"Worship" comes from the word _____

2. GOD IS _____ FOR TRUE WORSHIPERS

John 4:23-24 (JESUS) "Yet a time is coming and has now come when the TRUE WORSHIPERS will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, FOR THEY ARE THE KIND OF WORSHIPERS THE FATHER SEEKS. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."

Jesus entered the temple- a place of worship for the people of God. **Today, the temple represents the church and also every _____**

Jesus _____ the temple of barriers, hindrances and anything that blocked people from connecting with God in worship. (Money changers and dove sellers). When cleansing the temple, Jesus said, "My house will be called a house of prayer, but you are making it a den of robbers."

WHY DID JESUS CLEANSE THE TEMPLE?

A) TO MAKE SURE HIS HOUSE WAS A HOUSE OF _____

Isaiah 56:7 "These I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; FOR MY HOUSE WILL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL NATIONS."

"Prayer" (Strong's #8605, Tephila) means prayer, supplication, intercession, and _____ (Ps. 72:20)

B) TO MAKE SURE THAT TRUE WORSHIPERS WERE _____

(1) The _____ and the _____

Matthew 21:14 "The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them."

(2) The _____ and the _____

Isaiah 56:4-5 and 6 "For this is what the Lord says: 'To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths, who choose what pleases me and hold fast to my covenant- to them I will give within my temple and its walls and its walls a memorial and a name better than sons and daughters... And foreigners who bind themselves to the Lord to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants...'"