

Teaching Notes

Was It A Triumphal Entry?

Matt 21:9-17 (NLT) ⁹ Jesus was in the center of the procession, and the people all around him were shouting, "Praise God for the Son of David! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the LORD! Praise God in highest heaven!" ¹⁰ The entire city of Jerusalem was in an uproar as he entered. "Who is this?" they asked. ¹¹ And the crowds replied, "It's Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

Rather than focus on " _____ " Jesus focused on " _____ ."

Is there a difference between _____ perspective of who Jesus is versus who He _____ is?

¹² Jesus entered the Temple and began to drive out all the people buying and selling animals for sacrifice. He knocked over the tables of the money changers and the chairs of those selling doves. ¹³ He said to them, "The Scriptures declare, 'My Temple will be called a house of prayer (for all nations),' but you have turned it into a den of thieves!"

So, what has Jesus so upset ...

First of all, **Jesus made it very obvious by going to the Temple and clearing it,, that He was not the Messiah they were hoping for/looking for.**

Secondly, **Jesus' actions reveal that He has a different view of what the Temple experience was supposed to be than what the leaders of the day had made it.**

How might we be making it difficult today for people to access God, to enter into His presence, to fellowship with Him?

¹⁴ The blind and the lame came to him in the Temple, and he healed them. ¹⁵ The leading priests and the teachers of religious law saw these wonderful miracles and heard even the children in the Temple shouting, "Praise God for the Son of David."

Jesus showed by His actions what the worship experience was _____ to be.

Are there folks that we _____ that Jesus would welcome?

But the leaders were indignant. ¹⁶ They asked Jesus, "Do you hear what these children are saying?" "Yes," Jesus replied. "Haven't you ever read the Scriptures? For they say, 'You have taught children and infants to give you praise.' " ¹⁷ Then he returned to Bethany, where he stayed overnight.

Jesus was a _____ to them!!

How might Jesus be a threat to the established church today?

Do the things that _____ the heart of God, _____ our heart too??