

Palm Sunday
Who is This?
April 5, 2009

Matthew 21:1-11

1 Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, 2 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. 3 If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." 4 This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, 5 "Say to the daughter of Zion,"

Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden."

6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. 8 Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 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!" 10 And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" 11 And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

Discussion Questions

Have you ever had an "I meant to do that" moment?
Did it work?
Why did you feel you had to say it happened on purpose?

In the 'final week' of Jesus' life on earth, does it look like everything is spinning out of control?
Did it really have to happen that way?

Why did Jesus ride in the way he did?
Why didn't He come in like a conquering king?
Why didn't He live the following week like a conquering king?

Why was everyone in the city asking, "Who is this?"
What was behind that question?

What do you learn about God from looking at the events of Jesus' 'final week'?
What is the most surprising thing you find?

How do you answer the question "Who is this?" in your life?