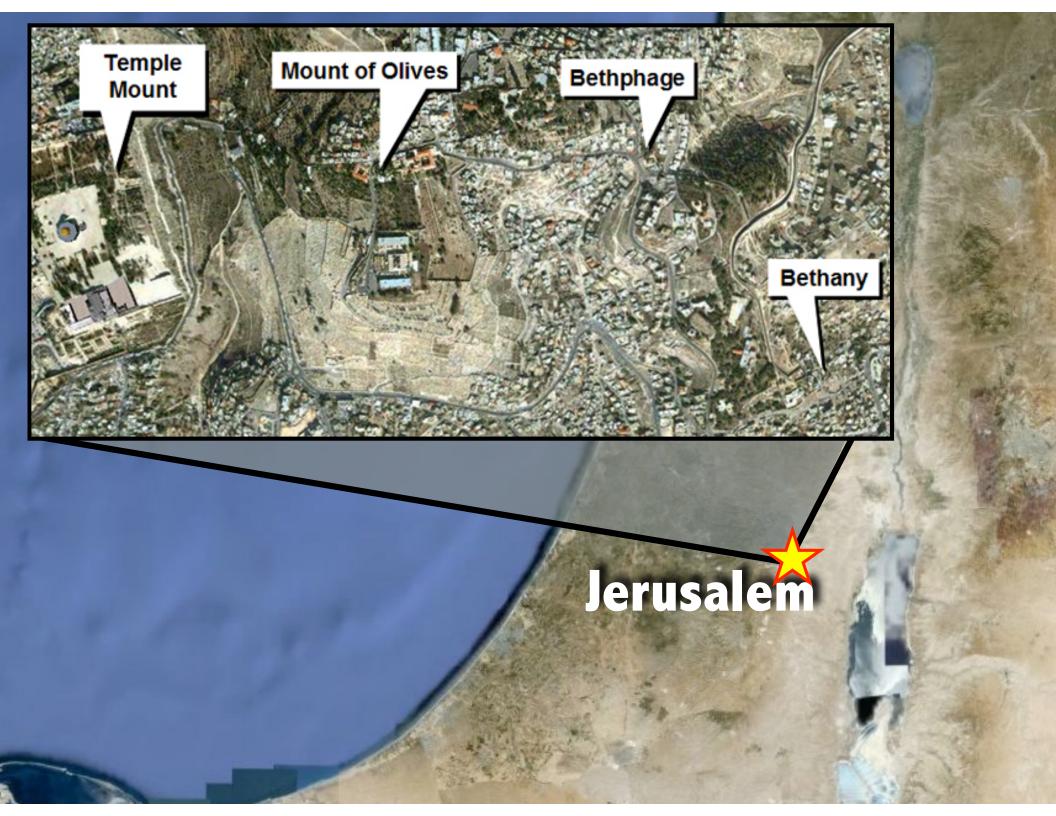
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Matthew 21:1-11





1. Why was the crowd so large?





2. What is the

significance of the song they were singing?



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

<u>Psalm 118:25 & 26</u> LORD, save us! LORD, grant us success! ²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. From the house of the LORD we bless you.



"His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him."

John 12:16



3. Why are the people laying down palms branches and cloaks?

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4. Why does Jesus ride in on a baby donkey?

RESURRECTION

HOW DO I CONNECT WITH GOD?

"Hosanna!" The word *hosanna* means to save, right? He's coming in to rule and he's coming in to save not by taking power and killing, but by losing power and dying. He's going to die on the cross for our sins. In other words, he says, "I'm going to triumph through weakness and therefore my followers can only connect with my salvation by repenting and admitting their need."

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What he's saying is, "Crown me or kill me." In other words, "You can give me everything and make me your lord or you can run away from me and even try to kill me. At least in both cases you're listening to me, but I will not be liked. I don't want anybody to like me. I want you to worship me and obey me or else I want you to flee from me, but I will not be liked."

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"You are not your own, you are bought with a price," (1Cor. 6:19-20). This is the beginning of true life: To recognize that fact, to surrender your claim to yourself, to give up your right to run your own affairs, and to surrender to the Lordship of Jesus, to do what he says, and to stop what he says to stop.

RAY STEDMAN

It is a big moment in your life when you hand someone else the keys, when you trade seats in the car, because up until now, I've been driving. I choose the destination. I choose the route.

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I choose the speed. But if we are to change seats, if you're going to drive, *I have to trust you* because it's all about *control.* Whoever is in the drivers seat is the person in control.

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