

Life Group Homework

The King is Coming Matthew 21:1-17

Let's Get Started - The Triumphal Entry



- Take a look at the artist's rendition of Jesus riding into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Do you think this painting is accurate? Read the different accounts in Matthew 21, Mark 11, Luke 19, John 12.
- According to what you read in Acts 1:6, what did Jesus' disciples think His role would be as the Messiah?
- With this in mind, speculate on what you think Jesus' disciples were thinking as Jesus was making his "triumphal entry" on a donkey instead of a white stallion that would have been

worthy of a conquering king?

- Read Matthew 21:9. Why were the people shouting "Hosanna in the highest?" What was the significance of the term "Hosanna?"

Let's Go Deeper

The Prediction

Read **Daniel 9:24-26**

- What did the 70 years x 7 (490 years) represent?

- What is significant about the 490 years and Palm Sunday?

The Rejection

- What do the three scriptures below show you about the heart of God?
Matthew 23:37

2 Peter 3:9

Romans 11:11

The Hope of the Gospel

- According to **Luke 24:45-47**, Jesus predicted that the Gospel would need to be preached to how many nations (people groups)?

- Where was it to start (what nation)?

- According to **John 1:11-12**, the hope that the Gospel offers is open to how many?

Birth Pains

Read Matthew 24:8

- In this passage, do you see Jesus' usage of "birth pains" as a metaphor to announce that the end **HAS** come or **IS** coming?
- Do you think Jesus is referring to "natural event" or "supernatural event" birth pains?
- List a few of the birth pains Jesus is talking about.
- Do you think Jesus is using His birth pain metaphor to apply to:

(a) believers (b) unbelievers or (c) both?
- Do you think Jesus is teaching that these birth pains are ones believers are destined to experience—or destined **NOT** to experience?

Now Read I Thessalonians 5:3

- In this passage, do you see the Apostle Paul's usage of "labor pains" as a metaphor to announce that the end **IS** in the future—or that the end **HAS** now come?
- Do you see Paul referring to "supernatural event" or "natural event" labor pains?

- What is the event to which Paul is referring?

(Hint: Read Isaiah 13:8 and I Thessalonians 4:16-17)

- Do you think Paul is using his labor pain metaphor to apply to:

(a) believers (b) unbelievers or (c) both?

- Do you think Paul is teaching that these labor pains are ones believers are destined to experience—or destined **NOT** to experience?

Let's Live It Out Together

In **Luke 12:40**, Jesus says, "**You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.**"

- Do you think the return of Christ for His church is soon—or not so soon? How does Matthew 24:14 factor into your reasoning?

Close with prayers for hurting people during the current health and financial crisis of our nation and the world.