

**The King  
We Follow,**  
not only the King  
we cheer

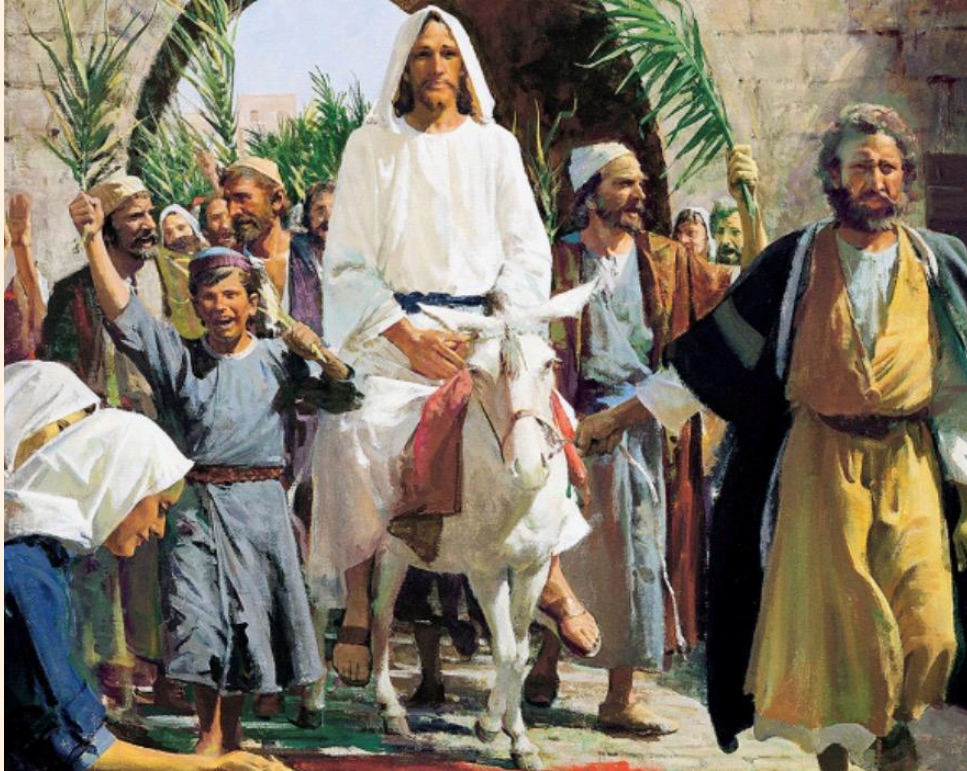
**Matthew 21:1-11**



**Cheering is easy...Following is costly**



# They cheered Jesus as King...





***Are we only cheering for Jesus  
...or are we truly following Him?***







***A King Who Comes  
On His Own Terms***



## Matthew 21:2-3

*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...*




*If anyone says anything to you,  
you shall say, 'The Lord needs  
them,' and he will send them at  
once.*




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- Where to go – ***“the village in front of you”***
  - What they will find – ***“a donkey tied, and a colt with her”***
  - What to say if questioned – ***“The Lord needs them”***
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Zechariah 9:9

*Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you;*



*righteous and having salvation  
is he, humble and mounted on  
a donkey, on a colt, the foal of  
a donkey.*



# Peace ♥ Humility ♥ Servanthood






**Jesus presents Himself as  
King but on His own terms,  
not the crowd's.**





***We Do Not Get To  
Redefine The King***



***...does not serve our  
preferences.***

***He serves our deepest need.***







***A Crowd That Responds  
With Excitement,  
Not Understanding***


Matthew 21:7-9

*They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others*





*cut branches from the trees and  
spread them on the road. 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!”*





**They wanted  
blessing without cost,  
triumph without surrender,  
a kingdom without the cross.**





**Hosanna To The Son Of David**



**Cheering is easy...**  
**Following is costly.**







***A City Stirred  
But Not Transformed***

Matthew 21:10-11

*And when he entered  
Jerusalem, the whole city was  
stirred up, saying,  
“Who is this?”*




*And the crowds said,  
“This is the prophet Jesus,  
from Nazareth of Galilee.”*






***The Silence  
After The Shouts***





**The greatest danger  
is not rejecting Jesus outright  
but embracing a version of  
Jesus that never existed.**





***The Cost Of  
Following This King***

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- **Letting go of control**
  - **Releasing false expectations**
  - **Trusting God's way of salvation**
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Luke 9:23

*Whoever wants to be  
my disciple  
must deny themselves,  
take up their cross,  
and follow me.*





***Palm Sunday***  
***As A Mirror For The Church***



**We can remain spectators  
cheering from a safe distance.**

***Or we can become disciples  
following wherever He leads.***

