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Who is this?

[Matthew 21:1-11](#)

Some folks like a good parade. Some of the larger more festive parades include Thanksgiving Day, Tournament of Roses, and Mardi Gras. They prepare for these parades all year long. The floats are awesome, the bands are polished, and the crowds are huge. As Jesus made his way to Jerusalem a spontaneous parade happened. The people laid cloaks and cut branches on the road, the crowds were shouting "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna means "Save (us) we pray!" What a scene and what a day of rejoicing! Some had discerned that this was the long awaited Messiah who would deliver them from the cruel and unusual punishment of this world. Some thought he was a great prophet. Jesus was riding on a donkey in fulfillment of the prophecy in ***Zechariah 9:9, "Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey."*** This was not the normal way a king entered the city. A king usually rides in as a conqueror on a horse. A young male donkey is a colt and the colt represents peace. A king, riding on a peaceful donkey - what to make of this scene. Who is this?

Many of the people in the crowd were pilgrims from Galilee on their way to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. The city took note of this man's entrance. Some asked, "Who is this?" Some answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

Who is Jesus to you? Some would say he is a "Healer" others would say My "Deliverer." Some would say, "***the Son of God***" others will say "***Emmanuel.***" Some will say, **King of kings, Lord of Lords, Light of the World, Prince of Peace, my Rock, the Resurrection and Life, the Way, Truth & Life, The Bread of Life, and Mediator.** Who is this? Who is Jesus to you? What has he done in your life? Jesus is the **Great "I Am"** and "**Savior of the World.**" Jesus is our peace, provider, and protector.

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Prayer

Wonderful and wise God, we gather to lift up your name and tell the world we serve a risen savior. You are our strong tower and protector. Grant us wisdom and strength. Open our eyes and ears that we may see and hear you. Speak words of wisdom and peace to the troubling in our souls. We want to know you, and the power of your resurrection and fellowship of your suffering. We thank you for sacrificing your life for our sins. You paid our sin debt. We thank you for conquering the power of death and the fear of death. We thank you for defeating the enemy -satan. We thank you for being obedient. We love you and magnify your name. We praise and exalt your name. By your mercy and grace we are saved. We have faith in your power to transform the world. Bless the wonderful name of Jesus! Hosanna in the highest! This we pray, in the power of the name of Jesus!

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Stewardship Moment

Stewardship is all that we do with what we have after we confess our allegiance to Jesus. Our very being and existence is because of God's great love for us. We respond to God's love by:

- Obeying God's commandments,
- Being mindful and caring for the earth,
- And by giving a portion back of what God has given to us.

God requires that we give a tenth of our resources (time and talent) and money to him. Our gift to God is being a good steward over what God has entrusted to our care.

God owns everything. ***"The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;" Psalm 24:1.*** We do not own anything it all belongs to God. God has entrusted the care of this world and all that is in it to us. We are responsible for how we treat it and what we do with it. We will have to give an account of what we did with the life and resources we cared for while on earth. ***For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad. (2 Corinthians 5: 10 NIV).***" How did we manage what God gave us?

We shall be rewarded for our good stewardship. Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. Anyone who does wrong will be repaid for his wrong, and there is no favoritism. (Colossians 3:23-25 NIV)." We will be rewarded partially in this life for good stewardship and fully in heaven. We should long to hear the words, "Well done my good and faithful servant ***"Be good managers of what God has entrusted to your care..***

Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King Scripture: [Matthew 21:1-11](#)

¹ As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away." ⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: ⁵ "Say to Daughter Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'" ⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna[d] in the highest heaven!" ¹⁰ When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" ¹¹ The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."