

Palm Sunday: Who is Jesus?

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Key Truth: Who is Jesus? Jesus is the God of Scripture who commands our obedience and worship.

Who is Jesus? There are a lot of opinions swirling around being confused as fact. While many in the United States believe Jesus was a real person, not nearly as many believe he is God. Some believe Jesus was merely a religious or spiritual leader, and some think he committed sins on earth. In order to gain a true understanding of the person and work of Jesus of Nazareth, it is important to go to God's Word. The Bible gives many descriptions of Jesus, but Matthew 21:1-11 elucidates four important truths.

DISCUSS

Read **Matthew 21:1-11** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in the Palm Sunday sermon on **Who is Jesus?**

DIG IN

1. **Jesus is the Self-Proclaimed Lord.** (vv. 1-3)

Restate the instructions Jesus gives to his disciples (vv. 2-3). Do you agree that Jesus proclaims himself to be Lord (Sovereign, Supreme Authority, God) in these verse? Why or why not?

Describe the attitude we should have in response to the truth that Jesus is Lord?

2. **Jesus is the Propheted King.** (vv. 4-5)

Why do you think it was important that Matthew point out that Jesus fulfilled prophecy (Zechariah 9:9) by coming into Jerusalem this way (Matthew and John are the only Gospel writers to do so)?

In what ways should we "behold" Jesus?

3. **Jesus is the Heir to David's Throne.** (vv. 6-9)

Restate the actions and words of the people in response to Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Why do you think it is significant that they call him "Son of David" (v. 9)?

Read 2 Samuel 2:12-13: What do these verses say about David's heir?

4. **Jesus is the Prophet.** (vv. 10-11)

Read Deuteronomy 18:15: In what ways did Jesus fulfill this prophecy?

In what ways had the Israelites failed to heed this prophecy? In what ways do we often fail to "listen" to Jesus?

DO

In what ways will you put what you've learned into practice this week?