Thy King Cometh Unto Thee

Matthew 21:1-17

Intro:

A. **Jesus Christ is a man of three offices.**
   1. He is "that prophet."
   2. He is our High Priest.
   3. He is our King.

B. **In Christ's early earthly ministry He did not reveal Himself fully.**
   1. In these verses we see Him as he reveals Himself to the nation of Israel.
   2. He fulfills three separate prophecies.

I. **The King Comes To Jerusalem.**

A. **The preparation for His entry.**
   1. Jesus sent two of His disciples. **V.1**
   2. They were to find an ass and her colt. **V.2**
   3. These were to be brought to Jesus.
   4. If any objections were made the only explanation would be, "The Lord hath need of them." **V.3**

B. **This would fulfill prophecy.**
   1. "...that it might be fulfilled..." **v.4**
   2. Zechariah 9:9 - "Rejoice greatly..."
   3. Kings often rode into important cities in such a fashion to show they had no hostile intentions.
   4. Notice the characteristics of this King.

C. **The disciples did what Jesus said.**
   1. This is the essence of discipleship. **V.6**
   2. They prepared the colt for Jesus. **v.7**

D. **The multitudes welcomed Him.**
   1. They prepared the way. **V.8**
   2. They welcomed Him. **V.9**
   3. Hosanna = ὠσαννα = "save now", "be now propitious," "succour now"

E. **The city and the king.**
   1. They were shocked.
II. The King Enters The Temple.

A. Jesus was angered by what He saw.
   1. He saw them buying and selling. V.10
   2. This in itself could have been a service but it became a perversion.
   3. The temple was a house of prayer.
   4. Isaiah 56:7
   5. They had made it a den of thieves.

B. John gave further information in his writing.
   1. John 2:13-17
   2. The purging was deliberate, He made the scourge of small cords.
   3. scourge = φοργήλλων = "a whip"
   4. merchandise = εμπορίον = "belonging to commerce or merchants, esp. a factory, an emporium, a mart," Holy-mart.
   5. They took advantage of ignorant people.

III. The King Heals In The Temple.

A. He has compassion on the sick. V.14
   1. The lame came to Him.
   2. The blind came to Him.

B. The chief priests and scribes were furious at Him.
   1. He did wonderful things. V.15
   2. The children cried out.
   3. They cried, Hosanna.
   4. This as to the "Son of David", which is a reference to His kingship.

C. This also fulfilled prophecy.
   1. They challenged Him. V.16
   2. He answered them.
   3. Psalm 8:2
   4. Jesus left them.