

Palm Sunday

Scripture Lesson: - Matthew 21: 1-11

Text: Matthew 21: 10.

Introduction: - Everywhere Jesus went while he was on earth he caused a stir. His words and deeds so stirred the people to the depths of their minds & souls that they were either whole-heartedly for or against him. There was something which made it hard for people to remain neutral in his presence. The people in the cities and villages which he visited knew that something had happened in their presence. And always, the stir which Jesus created was followed by the question, "Who is this?" Men wanted to know what manner of man Jesus was. Who was this man who was so perfectly at home among the mysteries of God's universe that its laws and forces responded to him in a way that he was able to do things which no other man had ever done. Was he genuine? Was he prophet or priest? Did his power come from God or Satan? Up and down the highways of Palestine, and even in Samaria, the leading question of the day was the question about Jesus. It is not strange then, when he entered Jerusalem for the last time the whole city was stirred and the question upon all lips was, "Who is this?" Let us look at the figure, Christ Jesus, for a little while, and see whether he is "the Son of God", the Savior of the whole world", or whether he is just another figure and will soon be forgotten.

I.

The preparation for the triumphal entry. He had just healed two blind men, and as the crowd came nigh unto Jerusalem, unto the mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me. Etc, etc, etc.

And when he was come into the city, it was moved and began to cry, "Who is this?" The multitude, who had followed him cried, "This is Jesus of Nazareth, of Galilee".



II.

What did he find? He found buying and selling in the temple, money changers, who charged an enormous rate, the seats of the sellers of doves, and he said unto them, "It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.

What of the temple of Jesus day? What of the temple of today?

A house of prayer. Prayer was hardly ever offered in Jesus day.

The house of the Lord today shall always be a house of prayer.

The blind and the lame.

III.

He comes to your church today. What shall he find?

IV.

He comes to you today. He comes to every man, whether he is in the house of God or not.

Conclusion:-