

THE HOPE OF ISRAEL



MATTHEW 21:1-11

I. Jesus was fulfilling the prophecy of Zechariah (Matthew 21:1-5).



- How can we learn to trust Jesus enough to do what is uncomfortable? **Mark 11:4-6**
- How amazing was the scene coming down the side of the Mt. of Olives?
- How does Jesus' fulfillment of **Zechariah 9:9** affect you?

II. The people were also looking for the fulfillment of Malachi **(Matthew 21:6-9)**.



- Why were the people waving palm branches? **(Leviticus 23:40)**
- Why did they set a place at the Passover table for Elijah? **(Malachi 4:5-6)**

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- What would motivate the Pharisees to want this praise rebuked?
- How are you affected by genuine praise of Jesus?
- How do our reasons to praise Christ compare with theirs?

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- Where was the concern of Jesus only five days before His death?
- How is our message affected when we care enough to weep for others?

V. Jesus refused the opportunity to avoid the cross (John 12:20-33).



- From Jesus' response, what was the nature of the request of the Greeks?
- What would it have been like to have witnessed this event?
- How are people still being drawn to the hope of Israel?

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- How does Palm Sunday declare the humility of Jesus?
- How intently do we praise the hope of Israel?
- How comfortable are we when others joyously praise Jesus?
- When and why should we cry for the lost?
- How willingly are we dying with Christ?
- How diligently are we lifting Him up?

-How can we help?