

Matthew 21:1-11

Lowly pomp



Suddenly we know once again where we are in the time-frame of Matthew's gospel. With his account of Jesus' "Triumphal Entry" into Jerusalem, we find ourselves at the start of the last week of Jesus' earthly life.

Notice that, as with all four of the gospels, although the pace quickens to a quivering urgency, these remaining few days take up a full quarter or more of the whole book. These are the days that those whole thirty years have been heading toward the whole time. Thirty years of preparation are about to give way to a mere few hours when the fate of all the universe will hang in the balance.

The question will finally be answered. Who is this Jesus? What was his life's purpose? And what does it mean for us, now that that purpose has been fulfilled?

In this section, ***Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem is greeted with excitement, but incomplete understanding.***

- What potential titles for Jesus does Matthew weave into his account here?

- The claims inherent in those titles can be accepted, distorted or rejected. Which are you doing?