

SERMON: WHO IS THIS?

Matthew 21:8-11

(8) And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way.

(9) And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the son of David: blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

(10) And when He was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this?

(11) And the multitude said, this is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.

Introduction

As Jesus made his triumphant entry into Jerusalem on what we now call Palm Sunday, many asked, "Who is this person attracting all of this attention?" Remember, there was no CNN, nor Facebook and His facial image was not a household phenomenon. Crowds had always followed Him, but not like this. The raising of Lazarus had garnered the attention of all classes at Jerusalem and the startled priests began to make an inquiry. This question was asked by some, no doubt, in idle curiosity; by some, perhaps, in doubting hesitation; by some out of envy; by some with the hope that He would announce His kingship and run the Romans away and they could then take back their country. This question is a question for every soul. The answer in the text is true so far as it goes. There is a marketing slogan that goes like this: Identification needs amplification for correct evaluation. "This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee," tells nothing of His mission, nor declares His deity. This answer identified Him, but did not adequately describe Him. This was a quick, spur-of-the moment answer, but now as we reflect and have the advantage of the written gospels and the New Testament epistles and personal experiences of His saving grace, we can give a more thorough and thoughtful answer to this question-and yet we can't tell it all. We can never tell it all.

Exposition

1. He Is The Word Of God That Is God.

(He is the Second Person of the Trinity.)

2. He Is The One Totally Obedient To The Father.

(Not My Will, but Thine Be Done.)

3. He Is the One That Possesses Both A Soft Heart And A Strong Backbone.

(He Was Compassionate, But He Was No Wimp.)

(He Knew When To Be Tough And When To Be Tender.)

4. He Is the One That Gives Strange Instructions.

(Turn the Other Cheek.)

(Love Your Enemies.)

(Take Up Your Bed and Walk.)

(He That Is Without Sin Cast The First Stone.)

(Lazarus Come Forth.)

5. He Is The One-The Only One-That Can Save Sinners.

(That Was The Primary Purpose Of His Earthly Mission.)

Closing thoughts

He is a friend that sticks closer than a brother. He is my burden bearer. He is my heavy load sharer. He is my Lord and Savior. I could go on *ad infinitum*. Give God Glory! Give God All The Glory!

Related scriptures

Matthew 21:1-11

Mark 11:1-11

Luke 19:29-44

John 12:12-19

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