

"Reactions"

Holy Week 2005

Part One: The Crowd at the Triumphal Entry

Matt 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-10; Luke 19:28-40; John 12:12-36

If we mingle through the crowds packing the Jerusalem environs on this Passover Festival, we can detect four different groups, each responding to Jesus in a very different way as He enters the city.

Today we look at each of these four groups and wonder if we can see ourselves reflected in any of them...

Palm Sunday: The Crowd Monday: The Leaders Tuesday: The Lamenting Women Wednesday: The Centurion Easter Sunday: Thomas
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Group	Key Text	Characteristic	Exhortation
"Opportunists" <i>Enthusiastic but ignorant supporters</i>	John 12:12-14 "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel."	<i>They welcome a Savior as long as they set the agenda as to what needs saving</i>	The Savior knows best what He ought to save us from. Repent and Trust
"Authorities" <i>Religious gatekeepers, critical and in control</i>	Luke 19:39 "...rebuke your disciples!"	<i>They don't need a Savior. Have things under control</i>	Wake up from the illusion that you have any control at all Repent and Submit
"Seekers" <i>Open-minded God fearers</i>	John 12:21 "... we wish to see Jesus."	<i>They need a Savior, and are wondering who the right one is</i>	Beware of finding comfort in the seeking itself Risk and Decide
"Disciples" <i>Those who have ears that have heard</i>	Luke 19:38 "Blessed is the King Who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest."	<i>They submit to a Savior on <u>His</u> terms</i>	Realize the immensity of what you have been given. Rejoice and praise