

Matthew  
chapter 21  
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# Hosanna in the Highest

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*Memory  
Verse*

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“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you: He is just and having salvation, lowly and riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey.” Zechariah 9:9

## The Coming King

The time had come for Jesus to be presented to Israel as the Messiah, but not as the Jewish people has hoped. Israel wanted to be free from the rule and reign of Rome, but God wanted the whole world to be free from sin. Jesus instructed two disciples to go to the village and bring the donkey and her colt to Him. The prophesy of Zechariah 9:9 was written 400 years earlier and here Jesus is fulfilling the prophesy as He made a triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Let's read the memory verse out loud. When Jesus entered through the gates, the great crowd of people spread palm branches and their clothes on the road. The crowd cried out “Hosanna to the Son of David! ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!’ Hosanna in the highest!”

As Jesus entered into the temple of God, He drove out the all those who bought and sold doves in the temple and turned over the tables of the money changers. Jesus said, “It is written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer, but you have made it a ‘den of thieves.’” The merchants and money changers set up shop in the temple to offer animals for sacrifice and exchange money for temple coins. But they cheated the people and kept them from worshipping and sacrificing freely. This was a burden or weight on the people. The Lord desires all to come and worship Him freely and no one or anything should keep us from worshipping in Spirit and in Truth. God sees the heart of worship.

Jesus returned to the city and was hungry. He saw a fig tree by the road, but he was not able to find any figs to eat and it was bare. Jesus cursed the fig tree and said, “Let no fruit grow on you ever again.” Immediately the fig tree withered away. The disciples asked Jesus why the fig tree had withered. Jesus replied “If you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but also if you say to this mountain, be removed and be cast into the sea, it will be done. And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.” Jesus wants us to make our prayer requests known to Him. Jesus taught the disciples to pray in Matthew 6:9-13. Do you bring all things to the Lord in prayer? The leaders of the day did not have faith in Jesus and did not believe He was the coming King and the Messiah. The leaders had rejected Jesus, the chief corner stone. Jesus told the leaders the kingdom of God will be taken from them and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it. That nation is you, a fruitful tree.

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*Bible**Questions &**Personal**Application*

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Read Matthew Chapter 21 and answer the questions below.

**1) What did Jesus instruct the disciples to do? Why?**

**Hint: Matthew 21:2-3**

**2) What did Jesus do while in the temple? Why?**

**Hint: Matthew 21:12-13**

**3) Can you sing your favorite worship song?**

**4) Why did Jesus curse the fig tree?**

**Hint: Matthew 21:19**

**5) What two things must we have when we pray?**

**Hint: Matthew 21:21**

**6) Is there something that you need to give to the Lord in prayer this week?**

**Prayer:**

Jesus, thank you, for you are the Messiah who came to save us from our sin. We give you praise, for You are our coming King and will return soon. Thank you that we can bring all things to You in prayer and You hear us when we call. Help me to have faith and not to doubt. For I can do all things in Christ Jesus who strengthens me. Help me to bear the fruit, of Your spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. May my life reflect You and bring You glory.  
Amen.

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