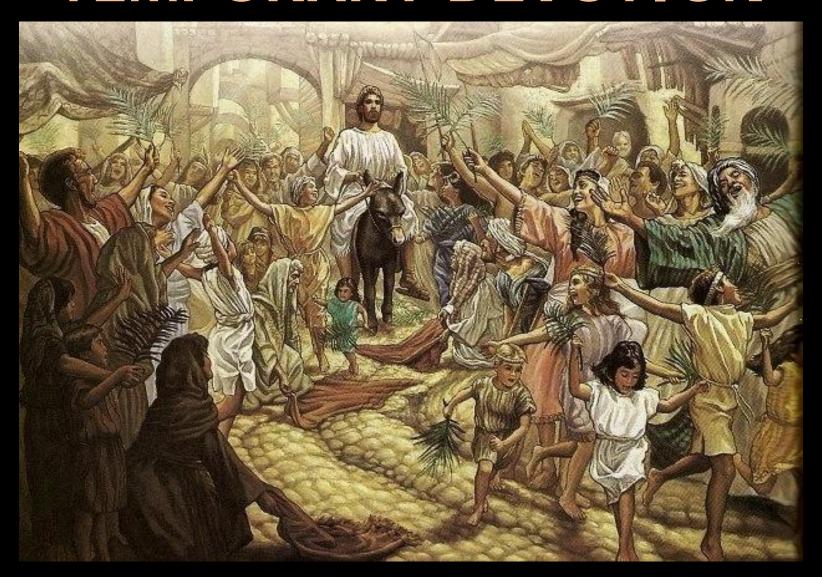
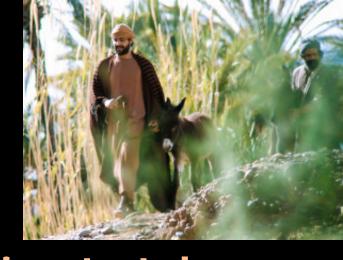
TEMPORARY DEVOTION



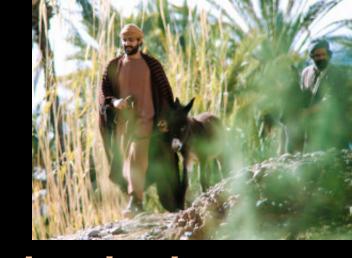
MATTHEW 21:1-11

I. The disciples were devoted enough to go and get the colt (Matthew 21:1-5).



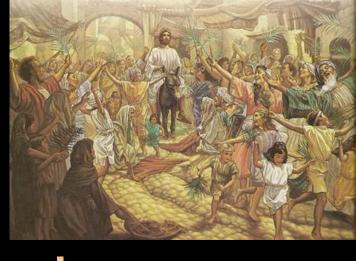
 How would it feel to be going to take someone else's colt?

 What kinds of uncomfortable things does God call you to do? II. The owners of the colt were devoted enough to give it (v.3).



 Why would the owners of the donkey colt freely give it to Jesus?

 What will move us to freely give Christ whatever is needed? III. The crowds were so devoted that they praised Jesus the Son of David (v.6-11).



• Why did the people wave palm branches? (Leviticus 23:39-40).

 What can we do to move us to want to praise Jesus with all our hearts? IV. Five days later, the crowds cried out, "Crucify him!"
(Matthew 27:20-26).



 What loyalties got in the way of their devotion to Jesus?

 What things do we allow to get in the way of our devotion to Jesus? V. We need to possess a devotion that will endure

(Philippians 3:10-14).



 How desperately do I want to know Christ?

 How willing am I to share in His suffering?

 How intently am I straining 'for that which is ahead?'

Call to Action: To develop a devotion to Christ that will endure.



- Are you sufficiently devoted to choose to serve Christ even when you are uncomfortable?
- Are you willing to give Christ whatever is needed?
- How spontaneous is your praise of Christ?
- Is your devotion to Jesus stronger than any of your religious loyalties?
- What will help your devotion to endure?

-How can we help?