THE HOPE OF ISRAEL



MATTHEW 21:1-11

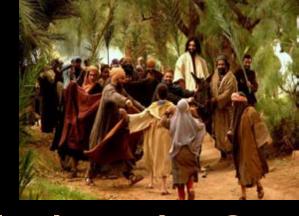
I. Jesus was fulfilling the prophecy of Zechariah (Matthew 21:1-5).



 How can we learn to trust Jesus enough to do what is uncomfortable? Mark 11:4-6

 How amazing was the scene coming down the side of the Mt. of Olives?

 How does Jesus' fulfillment of Zechariah 9:9 affect you? II. The people were also looking for the fulfillment of Malachi (Matthew 21:6-9).



 Why were the people waving palm branches? (Leviticus 23:40)

 Why did they set a place at the Passover table for Elijah? (Malachi 4:5-6)

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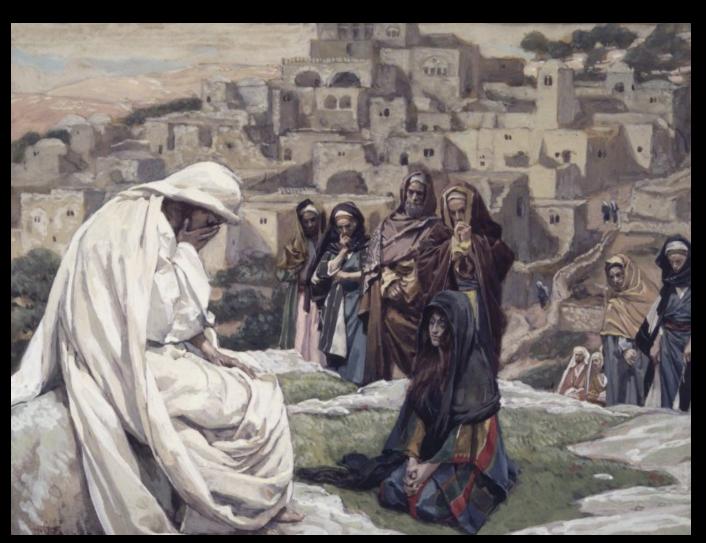


 What would motivate the Pharisees to want this praise rebuked?

 How are you affected by genuine praise of Jesus?

 How do our reasons to praise Christ compare with theirs?

IV. Before Jesus taught the people, He cried for them (Luke 19:41-44).



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 Where was the concern of Jesus only five days before His death?

 How is our message affected when we care enough to weep for others?

V. Jesus refused the opportunity to avoid the cross (John 12:20-33).

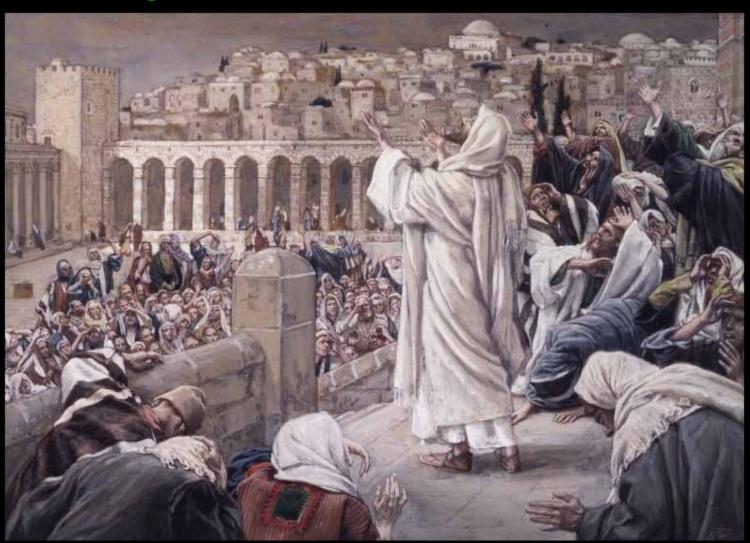


 From Jesus' response, what was the nature of the request of the Greeks?

 What would it have been like to have witnessed this event?

 How are people still being drawn to the hope of Israel?

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- How does Palm Sunday declare the humility of Jesus?
- How intently do we praise the hope of Israel?
- How comfortable are we when others joyously praise Jesus?
- When and why should we cry for the lost?
- How willingly are we dying with Christ?
- How diligently are we lifting Him up?

-How can we help?