

PALM
SUNDAY



Matthew 21:1-17

Mark 11:1-
11

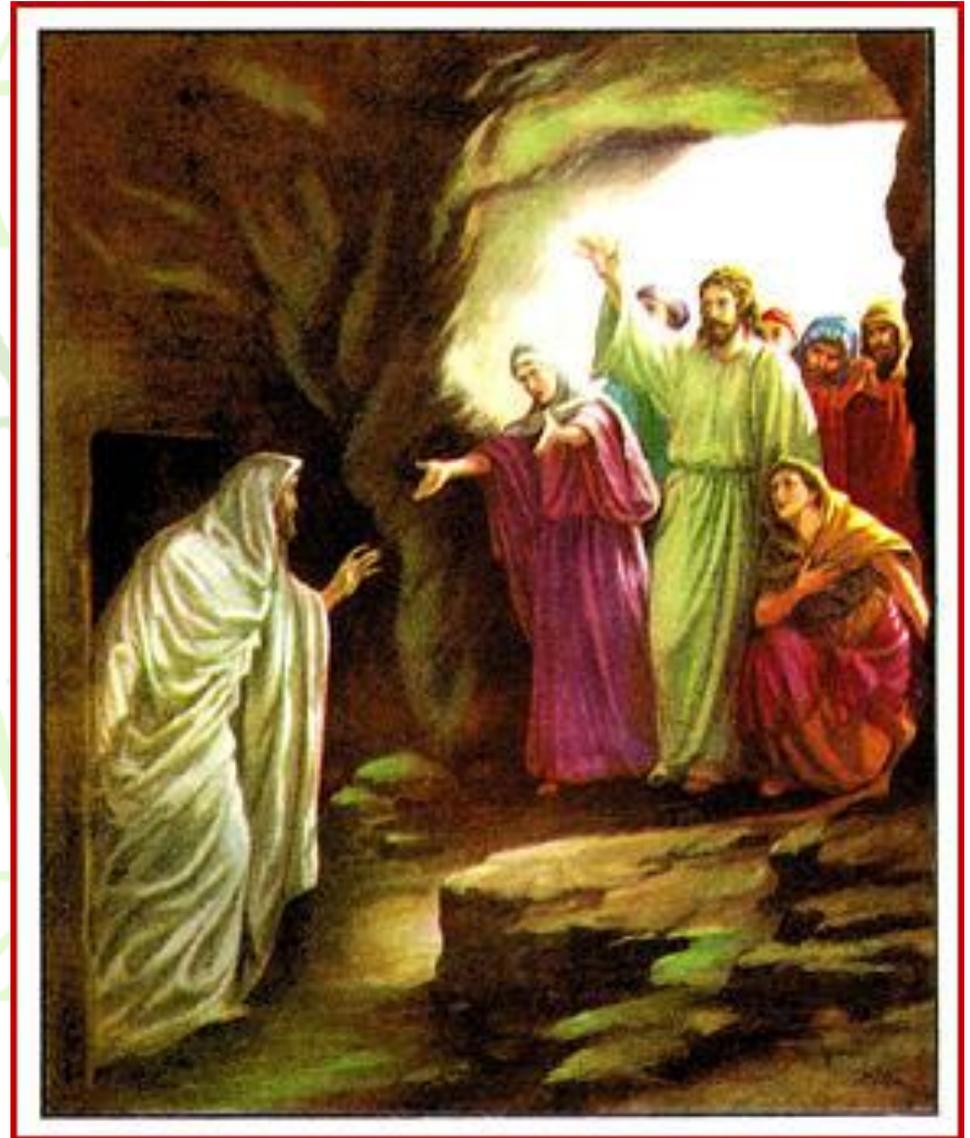
What was read today?

Luke 19:29-48

John 12:12-
19

Setting the Scene...

The people of Jerusalem heard of the great power of our Lord Jesus Christ, including the famous miracle of Christ raising Lazarus from the dead. Never in the history of the world had a man who was dead for four days been raised to life..



Setting the Scene...

Jerusalem was filled with Jews who were there to celebrate the feast of the Passover. When they heard that Christ was coming to Jerusalem, they ran to meet him, throwing garments and palm trees on the road and shouting **‘Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!’**



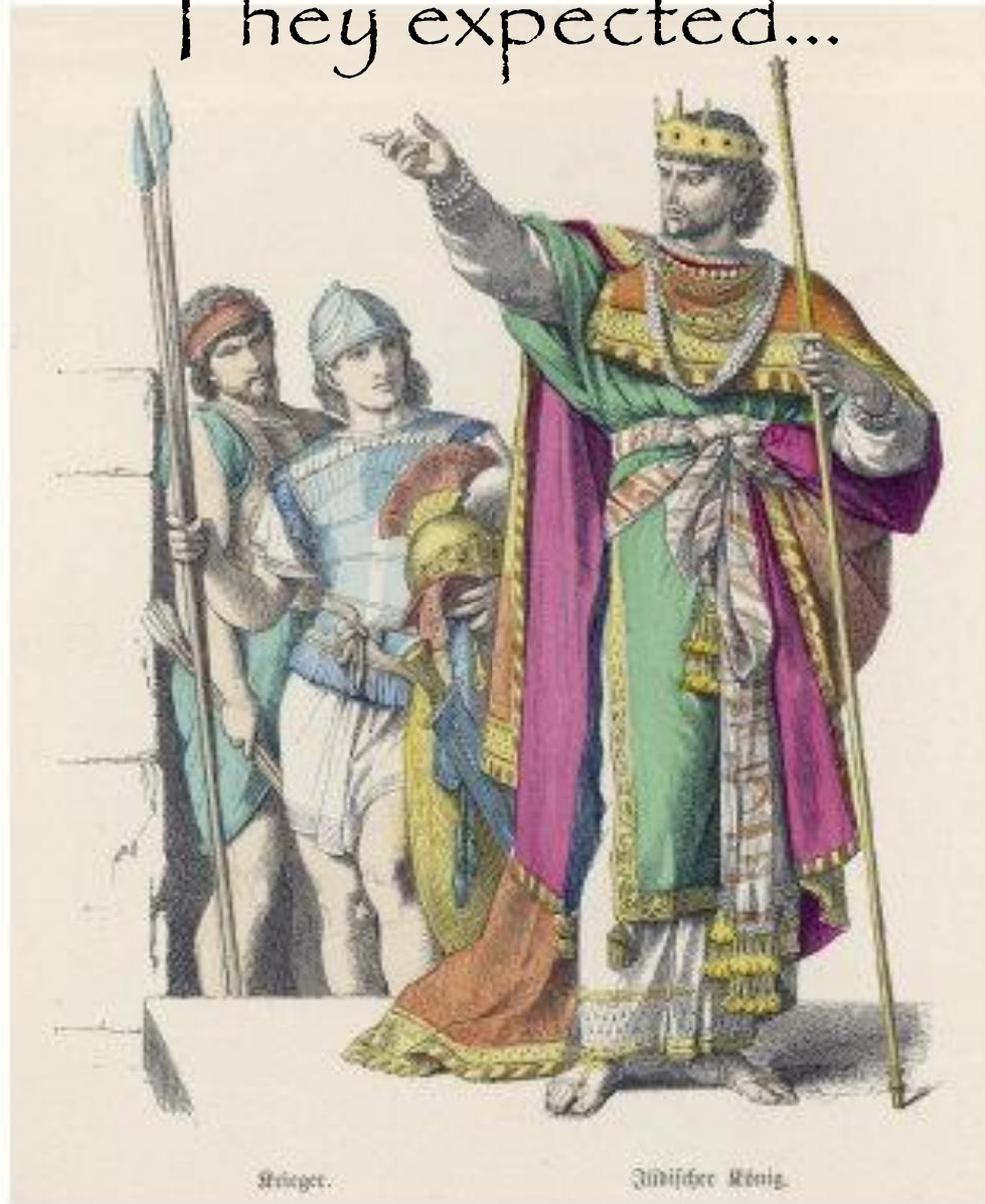
Setting the Scene...

The word '*Hosanna*' means 'save us'. If the Jews did not know the Lord was the Saviour of the world, why would they call out to the Lord 'Save us'?



At the time, the Jews expected an earthly king to come and save them from the Romans who were ruling over them, and thought that the Lord Jesus was the Messiah who came to save them from the Romans. They wanted the Lord to be their earthly king.

They expected...



Striegel.

Jüdischer König.

...A KING!!!

They received...



...a humble servant.

They expected...



...earthly power, strength, freedom!

They received...



...one who was humiliated, mocked,
beaten.

They expected...



...a messiah!!!

They received...



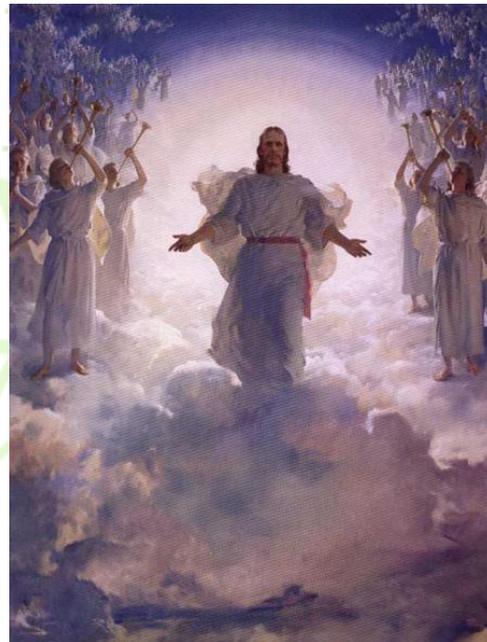
...*the* Messiah.

What do I expect?

As simple humans, we too expect a lot of earthly 'stuff' from the Lord.

We expect wealth, status, health, good grades.. All of which God will grant us if it is His will. But above all that, the Lord wishes to give us something much much greater!

Above
EVERYTHING, He
wishes to give us a
life with Him, both
on earth and in
Heaven.



God has other plans...

The Lord had no intention of coming as a great earthly king, covered in gold and fine robes. He did not come to be worshipped and treated like royalty. He came to serve and love and save us from our sins and reunite us with Him once more...

***“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”
(Mark 10:45)***



What else happened today?

On this day also, the Lord Christ entered the Temple, driving away the merchants and overturning the tables of the moneychangers. This was clearly a sign of His anger towards using religion as a means of trade. He also overturned the seats of those who sold doves, casting them out of the Temple.



What else happened today?

Think about and discuss...

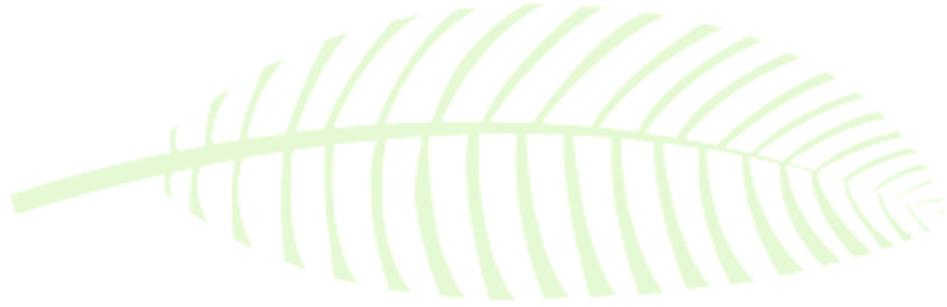
1. Why was Christ so angry with the merchants in the temple?
2. While we may not necessarily buy and sell things inside the church building, how do we devalue the church?



So what now?

Just as Christ has entered Jerusalem today, knowing that the cross awaited Him, each time we sing 'Hosanna', let us also welcome Christ into our hearts and look to the cross. Let us remember the sacrifice that was paid for us and not be like the hypocritical Jews that shouted 'Crucify Him!' just one week after calling Him their King.





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