**The Presentation of the King – Matthew 21:1-17**

**Home Flock – March 31, 2021**

Ice-Breaker: Did you ever participate in a parade? Tell us about it.

*Scripture: Matt. 21:1-17, Matt. 20:29:34 (blind men by roadside), Matt: 20:17-19, (Jesus predicts His pending death), Zechariah 9:9 (King comes riding on a donkey), and Psalm 118:25-26. (Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord).*

Q – Set the Scene: What is happening as Jesus approaches Jerusalem from Jericho?

Q – What tradition did the Jews observe on what we now call Palm Sunday: A – Selection Day (That’s when the fathers of families picked a perfect lamb to be sacrificed on the following Friday in observance of Passover. The lamb would be inspected for blemishes for four days before it was slaughtered.)

Q – How did Selection Sunday point to Jesus? A – He was the eternal Lamb of God Who was inspected by the Father and slaughtered for out sins.

Q – Why did Jesus decide to ride into Jerusalem conspicuously?

Q – How did the donkey and her colt play a role in the triumphant entry? A – Fulfilled prophecy (Zechariah 9:9). Also, it is significant that the Lord rode in on a donkey colt rather than a war stallion. And the scene shows that the Lord had everything under control (when he told disciples to fetch animals). Also, Pastor Steve pointed out the kindness Jesus had toward animals. He asked disciples to bring the colt’s mother, too.

Q – How has the Lord shown recently how He’s in control of the small things of your life?

Q – When we fret, why are we acting as though the Lord isn’t our Sovereign King?

Q – What does Hosanna mean? A – “Save us now.”

10Q –Why did the people ultimately reject Jesus? A – He didn’t fulfill their expectations.

Q – Why do people – even some Christians – reject Jesus or lose their enthusiasm for Him?

Q – (Verses:4-6) Matthew quotes from Old Testament 9 times in his Gospel, including twice in this chapter. Why? A – It shows that God keeps His promises.

Q – Why was the crowd acting defiantly when it spread palm branches on the road? A – Used by Jewish zealots to defy Roman authority. For some (maybe Judas), this was a patriotic rally.

Q – Why doesn’t Jesus do what we want Him to do?

Q – Why was the crowd right and wrong at the same time when it answered the question: “Who is this?” A – Jesus was a Prophet from Nazareth. But He is also Lord of the Universe.

Q – Why is that question pertinent to Christians, as well as non-Christians, today? A – Christians must grasp how Jesus’ Lordship affects their lives. The non-Christian needs to bow his/her knee to Him before they pass from life to death.

Q – Why did Jesus clean out the temple afterward, as though He owned the place? A – He was defending the holiness of God and attacking the idolatry of man.

Q – How does He clean the temple of our hearts?