The Official Entry of Messiah into the World

#  Matthew 21:1-11

**The premise for Christ’s entry into Jerusalem:** Matt. 21:1-7

The means of entry: Zechariah 9:9-10; Isaiah 62:11

Zechariah a post exilic prophet 520-518 B.C. Israel is back in the land and the temple rebuild will be completed. In chapters 9-14:1 Zechariah gives oracles concerning the future.

This offer to Israel is telling because He enters on a colt of a donkey, unlike any Gentile ruler ever.

**The crowd’s reaction:** Matt. 21:8-11

The crowd quotes from Psalm 118 with the opening “Hosanna” (save now!)

 But they are very much like the people in Zechariah 7:4-14 with the same result. This same group will shout Crucify Him! Crucify Him! In five days. Why did Jesus enter as prophesied knowing that the praise was temporary and shallow. Because God’s word will be accomplished no matter the spiritual receptiveness of the population.

**If Christ were to come today**

 He would be told to wear LGBTQ+ colors (like pro athletes). He would be called a transphobe, homophobe, prolife extremist. Jesus would say “All lives matter” He would be crucified again and those who championed it would think they were being “righteous.” Our society is worse than the one who crucified Jesus. We need to be ready for spiritual persecution of those who dare to disagree. But still; “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.”