

## What Really Matters

Matthew 21:1–11

### Doing what Jesus asks us to do really matters.

📖 Matthew 21:1–3 (NIV) “As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, tell him that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.”

📖 Matthew 21:6–7 (NIV) “The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. <sup>7</sup> They brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them.”

### Believing what Jesus said He would do really matters.

📖 Matthew 21:4–5 (NIV) “This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: <sup>5</sup> “Say to the Daughter of Zion, ‘See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’”

### Recognizing that Jesus deserves worship really matters.

📖 Matthew 21:8–9 (NIV) “A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> The crowds that went ahead of Him and those that followed shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Hosanna in the highest!”

📖 Luke 19:37–38 (NIV) “When He came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: <sup>38</sup> “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

📖 Luke 19:39–40 (NIV) “Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!” <sup>40</sup> “I tell you,” He replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

### Testifying about Jesus to those who don't know Him really matters.

📖 Matthew 21:10-11 (NIV) “When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?” <sup>11</sup> The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

📖 1 Peter 3:15 (NIV) “...in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect”

What have you been asked to do that ended up mattering more than you initially thought it would? What convinced you that Jesus was God? Do you believe in the inerrancy of the Scriptures? How is Jesus calling you to worship Him differently? If someone asked you, “Who is Jesus?” what would be your answer? Whom will you invite to come to church with you on Easter?

