

Specific Questions: Text: Matthew 21:1-11

1. People often stretch for an explanation of v1-11 that makes the crowd seem quite spiritually mature, and Jesus quite pleased with their praise. How does understanding the historical background change your view?
2. Why didn't Jesus claim the throne of David at this time and begin His reign over Israel?
3. In addition to being a Prophet, what else does Scripture tell us about Jesus (titles, identity, roles)? If we ignore those attributes, what practical impact does that have on us?
4. The crowd misjudged Jesus. Since He judged Israel (Mt 21:12-23), He is likely to judge the church in similar ways. What might be some areas of church life He would judge?
5. If Jesus came to your church today, how do you think He would behave? What is there in Scripture that supports your view?
6. If the Israelites didn't understand the prophecies about Jesus' first coming, would it be surprising if Christians today don't understand or accept the prophecies of Jesus' second coming? How does that challenge you?

GENERAL QUESTIONS:

1. What new concept did you learn from this week's text?
2. Is there anything in the text that you don't understand?
3. How does this text challenge you to change? Is there anything standing in your way of making that change?