

Stirred Up

Scripture:

Matthew 21:1-16 “Now when they drew near Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose them and bring them to Me. ³And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord has need of them,’ and immediately he will send them.” ⁴All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: ⁵“Tell the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your King is coming to you, Lowly, and sitting on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey.’” ⁶So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set Him on them. ⁸And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: “Hosanna to the Son of David! ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!’ Hosanna in the highest!” ¹⁰And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, “Who is this?” ¹¹So the multitudes said, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee.” ¹²Then Jesus went into the temple of God and drove out all those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. ¹³And He said to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer,’ but you have made it a ‘den of thieves.’” ¹⁴Then the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them. ¹⁵But when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that He did, and the children crying out in the temple and saying, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” they were indignant ¹⁶and said to Him, “Do You hear what these are saying?” And Jesus said to them, “Yes. Have you never read, ‘Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have perfected praise?’”

Introduction:

When the Lord makes His entrance into any life, there is a stirring that goes on. The question is, what are we stirred to do. As we read the account of the triumphant entry into Jerusalem on that first Palm Sunday, we are reminded of the stirring that goes on in any group of people at the appearance of Jesus Christ.

I. Some were stirred to immediate obedience.

- A. Go get the colt.
- B. Loose him for the master has need of him.
- C. We are called to go into our world and loose those that the master has need of.

II. Some were stirred to consider who Jesus was.

- A. They considered Him to be the king coming. They placed their garments on the colt.
- B. They cut down palm branches and placed them in His path.
- C. They were making a declaration with their actions.

III. Some were stirred to worship and praise.

- A. Hosanna to the Son of David.
- B. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
- C. They were making a declaration with their mouths.

IV. Jesus was stirred to prepare the temple for prayer.

- A. Our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit.

B. We must cleanse our lives if we want an effective prayer life.

V. Some were stirred to ridicule.

A. It seems real heart-felt worship to Jesus Christ will always stir some to indignation.

B. It was really a response to who they said Jesus was. (Lord and King).

Luke 19:37-38 *“Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen,³⁸ saying: “‘Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the LORD!’ Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”*

C. Jesus’ response.

Luke 19:39-40 *“And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, “Teacher, rebuke Your disciples.”⁴⁰ But He answered and said to them, “I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out.”*

Conclusion:

There is a stirring going on at this moment. How will we respond? It’s time to make up our minds that we are going to be those who obey, consider Jesus, worship Him in spirit and in truth and prepare our lives to be lives of prayer. Make a choice now to reject any criticism and ridicule that tries to make its way into our hearts.