



ICEC Retreat Matthew 21:1–11, 14–17 (Palm Sunday)

Read through the following passage slowly, noting on the right margin what stands out. Jot down what God is speaking to you. How does this apply in your life right now?

¹As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples,
²saying 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.
³If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.”
⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:
⁵“Say to Daughter Zion,
 ‘See, your king comes to you,
gentle and riding on a donkey,
 and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’”
⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them.
⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on.
⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.
⁹The 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 heaven!”
¹⁰When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?”

¹¹ The crowds answered, “This is Jesus,
the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

¹⁴ The blind and the lame came to him at the temple,
and he healed them. ¹⁵ But when the chief priests and
the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things
he did and the children shouting in the temple courts,
“Hosanna to the Son of David,” they were indignant.

¹⁶ “Do you hear what these children are saying?” they asked him.
“Yes,” replied Jesus, “have you never read,
“From the lips of children and infants
you, Lord, have called forth your praise’?”

¹⁷ And he left them and went out of the city to Bethany,
where he spent the night.

Questions to ponder with the Lord:

- To what did Jesus call His community?
- What did He stir up within them?
- Are there similarities in your life right now? How so or how not?
- To what is Jesus calling you and your community?