

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN F E L L O W S H I P

Triumph Over What?

Matthew 21:1-11

What were they celebrating?

- **The long expected Deliverer**

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Isaiah 9:7 prophesied, "Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever."

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The people expected **a king like David...**

- A warrior king who would defeat & rule over Israel's enemies...
- Over the Romans who ruled them now

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They were coming to celebrate Passover

- Their **deliverance from the oppression** in Egypt
- Many Jews saw Caesar & Rome as Pharaoh and Egypt.
- They expected the Christ to deliver them from oppression **once and for all.**

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Some wondered of John the Baptist was the Christ (**Luke 3:15**)

- "The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah."

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Many called out to Him, **Son of David**

Mark 10:46-48, And as He was leaving Jericho with His disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the

roadside. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

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Matthew 12:22-23, (earlier) Then they brought him a demon-possessed man who was blind and mute, and Jesus healed him, so that he could both talk and see. All the people were astonished and said, "Could this be the Son of David?"

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Gentiles called Him Son of David

Matthew 15:21-22,

Then Jesus departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed." (Puppies, scraps & faith)

John 4:25, (Samaritan woman at the well)

The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ). When He comes, He will tell us all things."

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Even **His closest followers** had only earthly visions

- As they neared the city, the mother of James and John asked, "Grant that these two sons of mine may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on the left, in Your kingdom." (**Matt. 20:20-21**)

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From the time He was born...

- Simeon & Anna - "It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah." And Anna, "Coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem."

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Jesus knew their **misplaced, human** expectations...

- **Three years earlier**, "While He was in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, many people saw the signs He was performing and believed in His name. But Jesus would not entrust Himself to them, for He knew all people." (John 2:23-24)

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He was coming **to conquer every enemy**

- But not like they expected
- He knew **Friday was coming**

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He came to destroy every **fleshly, temporal, false** hope of victory!

- To place those on equal footing **degrades Christ**
- He knew all they hoped for **would die on the cross!**

II Timothy 2:4, "No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him."

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And He listened to "the crowds that went before Him and those who followed Him were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!'" (Matt. 21:9)

How many paused to think **when He said a few days later**, "For I tell you, you will not see Me again, **until you say**, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.'" (Matt. 23:39)

How many today have slipped into **the same misplaced hope?**

- That He is bringing **earthly deliverance** by way of public office holders.

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Isaiah's prophecy will happen... when "The Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God." (I Thessalonians 4:16)

- Then Christ will rule and reign with those who are His for a thousand years, until the devil and evil will be banished forever.

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Join us this Friday – **Good Friday!**
As we celebrate what Jesus really came to do
Together with Calvary, Thrive & Wilderness Church
7:00-8:00 PM

(Easter Invitation Video)

Saturday, 10:00 AM-Noon – Spring Cleanup Day