Jesus is praised

Matthew 21:1-17

Jesus’ Triumphant entry:

Matthew 21: 1-3 Jesus told His disciples to go into a village and find a donkey and a colt tied and to bring it to Him. Isaiah: 62:11, Zech 9:9 Prophet Isaiah prophesied that Jesus sitting on a colt entering Jerusalem.

Prophet Zechariah prophesied that a King who is just and having salvation would ride on a colt.

Matthew 21:4-7 The disciples obeyed Jesus and brought the colt to Jesus.

Matthew 21: 8-11 The disciples laid their clothes on the colt for Jesus to sit and ride on. Other people cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road. They cried out “Hosanna to the Son of David! ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!’

‘Hosanna in the highest!’

All the people asked who was Jesus, and was told, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee.”

Jesus cleanses the temple:

Matthew 21: 12-14 Jesus went into the temple of God, overturn tables of moneychangers and seats of those who sold doves. Jesus said to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer,’ but you have made it a ‘den of thieves.’”

Isaiah 56:7 God spoke through Isaiah that His house, the temple is a house of prayer.

Jer 7:11 God spoke through Jeremiah that His house had been made as den of thieves.

Matthew 21:15-16

Jesus healed the blind and lame. When chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful miracles Jesus did and children outside cried out “ Hosanna to the Son of David!”

The religious leaders were offended that Jesus spoke with authority, demanded that Jesus quiet the children who were praising Him. Jesus refused to quiet the children.

Jesus said to them that out of the mouth of people who are supposedly have little knowledge about God, God enable them to utter a perfect and correct praise about Him. Hosanna means praise to the Son of David.

Matthew 21:17

Jesus left the city and stayed in a small nearby village.

The priests and scribes became blinded because of their pride and not able to accept and believe that Jesus was that Messiah as prophesized by Isaiah and Zechariah and Jeremiah.

Luke 19:39-44

The Pharisees told Jesus to rebuke the crowd for praising Jesus. Jesus said that even if the crowd were silenced, the stones would cry praises to Jesus. All nature exudes the glory of God.

Jesus wept over Jerusalem because of their sin and their unbelief, for they were blind and not able to see Him who came to bring peace. Not military peace from surrounding enemies. But Jesus, who brought peace, reconciled them to God and brought forgiveness of sins.

Jesus said that their enemies would surround them, destroy their children and their temple, until no stone left.

Jesus said that they did not know the time when Jesus came for them.

1. How are you supposed to praise God, Jesus His Son?

Psalm 34: 1 I will bless the Lord at all times, His praise shall continually be in my mouth

Praise God of who He is and what He has done.

2. Why do you praise?

You normally praise when someone is truly awesome, did something good, important, makes you happy, utmost gratitude that you cannot stop thinking and talking about it.

Hence you praise continuously.

3. The same people who praised Jesus may be the same people who said, “Crucify Him”

4. The people praised just in their lips and they did not understand deeply and fully why they praised Jesus.

5. They were hoping that this Jesus, Messiah, that would deliver and save them from the surrounding enemies and give them prosperity.

6. They want Jesus to be strong militarily like a king with chariots, horses and armies.

7. Are you praising Jesus for who He is and what He had done?

8. Jesus is God who came 2000+ years ago. He incarnated, 100% man and 100% God. He never once committed sin, He was nailed on the cross not for His sin. He willingly let Himself to die on the cross. He took the punishment for our sins that was supposed to be on us. He took it upon Himself when He died on the cross. He bore the sins of man to Himself. God the Father saw Jesus’ perfect obedience, perfect life without sin, and perfect sacrifice on the cross. God the Father accepted Jesus as the perfect sacrifice to atone for man’s sins. God the Father wrath/anger appeased when Jesus took the punishment and became the sacrifice to atone for man’s sins. God allowed Jesus’ righteousness be imputed on us. Because we are made righteous in Jesus, we can be called children of God and can live eternally with God.

9. Are you already a child saved by God? Do you trust that He is your Savior?

When you believe in Jesus as God’s Son and what He had done, to save you and forgive your sins, you will let Him be your master. Your life will focus on Him and you want to live your life according to His Will. You want to seek His guidance and follow Him. Throughout all this, you will continuously praise Him.

10. You can’t praise God until your sins are forgiven.

What is sin? All that is in your mind, what you say and do, that breaks God’s laws.

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

What happened to you when you die in sin?

Separation from God, receive the punishment, eternal death.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

11. When was the last time you praise God in your heart?

I. The saved child will praise Lord Jesus each day as Lord over all.

II. You can’t really praise Jesus until you trust Him as Savior.

III. Jesus deserves all your praise.