

# **“Who Would Have Thought It Would End Up Like This?”**

Matthew 21:1-11

*The Gospel of Matthew*

## **Theme:**

There is the persistent theme of the upside down kingdom. Everything one might have expected and wanted is turned upside down. What you don't expect to happen, does.

## **Introduction:**

We cannot afford to isolate Palm Sunday from what has preceded and what is about to unfold. All of this is part of one line, one trajectory. We move from Palm Sunday, to the temple, to the upper room, to the crucifixion, the burial, the resurrection, and finally Pentecost. That “fish” is swimming in one stream.

## **OUTLINE**

- I. The Structural Context - the kingdom is coming
  - An Upside Down Kingdom
- II. The THEOLOGICAL Context - The glory is returning
  - The Temple Revisited
- III. The HISTORICAL Context - the victory is displayed
  - Pilate vs. JESUS
- IV. The ALREADY / NOT YET Context - the vision is expanded
  - The Beginning of the End

In His final acts of defiance, He sets Himself against all worldly powers and once more sets Himself up as the fulfillment of the SEED PROMISE and the completion of the BLOOD PICTURE.

## **WHAT ABOUT ME?**

- **You will either bow before Him or you will be broken by Him; but either way JESUS IS KING.**
- When JESUS IS KING, nothing else matters. When He isn't, nothing else matters.

Our passage assures us that God is fulfilling ancient promises. Today God is winning and is setting up His kingdom. It does not look like anything we would expect and He is not finished,

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but He is working in our circumstances and scenarios. What area in your life do you need to give to Him and accept His authority over? At its largest level is it our national politics, or economy, border policy, is it your workplace, your marriage, your chronic illness, your parenting, your child? What is it that has left you blank? Can you, can I today accept Him and bow before Him? This act of submission is daily and even moment by moment. None of it is a one and done. Yet, today will you join me in saying YES LORD? He alone is King and we are His subjects.

