

WHO IS THIS?

MATTHEW 21:1-17

Who is this? The King.

Matthew 21:1-10

Who is this? The Prophet.

Matthew 21:11

Who is this? The Son of God.

Matthew 21:12-17

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

Did the actions of Jesus in Matthew 21 make sense to you? What value does the knowledge of the Old Testament bring to our understanding of the events in the life of Jesus?

Some that praised Jesus on Palm Sunday became disillusioned with Him as the events of Holy Week played out. Have you ever wrestled with similar issues?

- Jesus as King. In His day, some expected Him to conquer Rome and restore their nation to prominence. Jesus had a different agenda. Have you ever tried to create a savior who gives you what you want, instead of receiving a King who comes to do what He wants? Explain.
- Jesus as the Prophet. It's possible that some saw Jesus as literally mimicking Moses, bringing divine judgment on an oppressive earthly government. Instead, He had an eternal enemy in mind. What prominence do you give to the things that hold you "captive" in this life, such as circumstances, suffering, or disappointment? What if Jesus never brings freedom in those areas? Is He still the Prophet who should be believed and followed? Why or why not?
- Jesus as the Son of God. Over the centuries traditions had developed that not only obscured God's nature, but often even violated His character. Jesus confronted the negative side of religion. Have you ever recognized the slow creep of religious tradition in your own life? How can we protect ourselves from simply "going through the motions", and keep a fresh and vital connection to the One to be worshipped and adored?

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WHO DO YOU SAY THAT
I AM?



"I have come home at last! This is my real country! I belong here. This is the land I have been looking for all my life, though I never knew it till now. . . . Come further up, come further in!" — C.S. Lewis, *The Last Battle*