

**A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study**  
**Date: November 29, 2020**  
**Fulfilled – “Prince of Peace, Riding on a Donkey...”**  
**Matthew 21:1-11, Zechariah 9:9-13, & Psalm 118**

1. Read Matthew 21:1-11. Why, according to Matthew, did Jesus give his disciples the instructions about the donkey and colt in verses 1-5? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Read Zechariah 9:9-13. We just recently studied a portion of Zechariah during the return series. What was going on during the time that Zechariah was prophesying?
  - a. Warnings about the exile.
  - b. The exile.
  - c. Israel (or a portion of Israel) had already returned from the exile, but they were quickly losing their focus. Haggai and Zechariah were sent by God to speak correction to Israel.
  - d. Israel had returned, but they had gotten discouraged by the opposition and quit building the temple and just settled for things the way they were.
3. When Jesus gave his disciples these instructions, do you think that Jesus knew about the prophecy? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Explain. \_\_\_\_\_
4. If Jesus knew that his instructions would fulfill this prophecy and suggest that He was the fulfillment of the whole prophecy, what else did God promise to the people Israel through Zechariah?
  - a. He will give them peace and take away the chariots and warhorses.
  - b. He will rule “...from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.”
  - c. ...because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit.”
  - d. He seems to refer again to “Ephraim and Judah” (as he did in our Ezekiel text last week) as if there will be unity and they will work together like a bow and arrow.
  - e. Peace, unity, victory, authority...all seemed to be indicated as fulfilled in Christ.
5. When Jesus arrived in Jerusalem riding on the colt in Matthew 21:6-11, what did the crowd do?
  - a. They “...spread their cloaks on the road....” This was a sign that they saw Him as a king (See 2 Kings 9:4-13).
  - b. ...others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.” In the time of King David, this was a sign of victory.
  - c. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” and “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”
6. Read Psalm 118. What is the significance of the song of “worship” that people were singing as Jesus came into Jerusalem?
  - a. They were affirming that God is good and that His love endures forever.
  - b. The likely identified with the Psalm when it talked about being hard pressed.
  - c. They were putting their trust in the Lord for salvation in their difficult situations.
  - d. They were probably declaring that God was doing a great thing, right in their presence...that he was saving them even as they sang.
  - e. They were identifying Jesus as “he who comes in the name of the lord.”
7. If Jesus was the one that came in the name of the Lord to show God’s goodness and love and save Israel when they were hard pressed, what does that mean for us today?
  - a. Nothing, we’re in a different situation and a different time.
  - b. He’s the same Savior today when we are hard pressed as they declared Him to be that day.
  - c. We need to put our trust in Him and cry out to Him the way they did...and declare Him King and Lord in our life.