

BAD NEWS, FAKE NEWS, GOOD NEWS

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Missing the Big News

Matthew 21

Have you ever misinterpreted news?

Has a misinterpretation or misunderstanding ever caused you to miss something important?

Jesus' Journey to Jerusalem:

- Heals _____ in _____.
- Heads north from Bethany to _____.
- Goes south to cross the _____ and hides out for a while.
- Heads to _____ and heals _____ on the way.
- Meets _____ in Jericho and redeems him.
- Goes to _____ and stays a few days with friends.

I. News from _____

Matthew 21:1-7 *As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."* ⁴*This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: ⁵"Say to Daughter Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'*" ⁶*The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on.*

- Zechariah 9:9 (5th century BC) --

II. News from _____

Matthew 21:8-9 *A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!"*

- Psalm 118:25-26 *Lord, save us (hosanna)! Lord, grant us success! ²⁶Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord...*
- Zechariah 14:4 *On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives...*

III. News from _____

Matthew 21:10-13 *When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" ¹¹The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee." ¹²Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. ¹³"It is written," he said to them, "My house will be called a house of prayer," but you are making it 'a den of robbers.'"*

- Jeremiah 7:11 *Has this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, I myself have seen it, declares the Lord.*
1. Healing at the Temple (Matthew 21:14-17)
 2. Anointing at Bethany (Matthew 26:6-13)
 3. The Last Supper (Matthew 26:17-35)
 4. Prayer at Gethsemane (Matthew 26:36-46)
 5. Betrayed and Arrested (Matthew 26:47-56)
 6. Jesus Comes Before the Sanhedrin (Matthew 26:57-68)
 7. Peter Denies Jesus (Matthew 26:69-75)
 8. Jesus Goes Before Pilate the Governor (Matthew 27:1-26)
 9. Mocked and Beaten (Matthew 27:27-31)
 10. Crucifixion and Death (Matthew 27:32-56)
 11. Buried and Guarded (Matthew 27:57-66)

Point:

Doggy Bag: Some questions to take home and chew on.

1. How does the news of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem and his fulfillment of prophecies impact your faith in him as the Son of God?
2. In what ways could your current state of news, expectations, or agenda be causing you to miss what God is doing in front of you?
3. How have you experienced God with you in the midst of bad news?
4. When you suffer, how can remembering Jesus' suffering help you?

This Holy Week, read a chapter of Matthew 21-27 each day. Make plans to join us at the "Carry the Cross" service Friday, 6:30pm, 2501 Gallows Rd, Dunn Loring.



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