

Personal Reflections and Conversations

1. Think about a time a time when you wanted something but were unable to attain it. How did you feel?
2. Our enemy often brings earthly desires into sharp focus to obscure things of eternal value. Are there any earthly desires that have captivated you causing you to overlook an eternal blessing?
3. What would be the significance to you of having the sacrificial lamb live with you for five days prior to its slaughter?
4. In verses 10 & 11, Matthew closes his account with an element of perplexity. Do we constantly remember who we are serving? What causes you to forget who He is?
5. The world's list of things that make a person "great" is many times in opposition to what Jesus has instructed us to do. What instruction given by Jesus are you struggling with?



Jesus, on His Terms

Matthew 21:1-11

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In ancient times the coronation of a monarch involved the display of great splendor and pageantry. The king would be dressed in the most expensive robes and jewels and would be driven through his capital city in an ornate carriage drawn by stately horses.

Accompanying him would be his courtiers and foreign dignitaries and following that would be many the nation's finest soldiers. In many countries high-ranking religious leaders would also participate.

Matthew portrays the most significant coronation the world has yet seen, but it was a coronation in marked contrast to the kind just described. It was the coronation of a *true* King. He was affirmed as King and was, in a sense, inaugurated into His kingship. But there was no pomp, no splendor, and a nondescript sort of pageantry.

The End of the Pilgrimage

Palm Monday?

Precise Prophecy

Praise of the People

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