Matthew 21:1-17

Glorious Journey

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Introduction: Palm Sunday choir from my childhood

What is the message we hear on Palm Sunday?

-          A lot of noise

-          From someone out of sight

-          Who makes us uncomfortable

What is the message Jesus wants us to hear?

Who He is and what He is doing

I.                    Who is this (noisemaker)?

a.       A prophet

                                                               i.      He makes a prophecy (v2-3)

                                                             ii.      He fulfills prophecy (v4-5)

b.      A Priest

                                                               i.      He purifies worship (v12)

                                                             ii.      He protects prayer (v13a)

                                                            iii.      He extends grace (v13b)

                                                           iv.      He provides sacrifice (v12 -> cross)

c.       A King: Claims made by Jesus (v3), Crowd (v9), Prophecy (v5)

Proofs:

                                                               i.      Fulfills royal prophecy (v5)

                                                             ii.      Claims royal ride (v2)

                                                            iii.      Receives royal praise

1.       Victory carpet (v8)

2.       Victory chant (v9)

3.       Victory lap (the journey he’s made)

II.                  What He did

1. He was a prophet who rode into the jaws of his prophecy
2. He was a priest who offered the perfect sacrifice to satisfy divine justice + reconcile us
3. He was the King of glory who set it aside to give us his glory

Conclusion: Though he deserved the glory of heaven, he descended to the agonies of hell to claim peace for our souls