



## “Responses to Jesus: From Cheers to Jeers”

**Matthew 21:1-11**  
**Matthew 27:15-25**  
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#### I. The Crowd Cheers

Read Matthew 21:1-3. Where are Jesus and the disciples in these verses? What strikes you about the instructions that Jesus gives to two of his disciples?

This was all done according to Matthew 21:4-5 to fulfill the prophecy of Zechariah 9:9. The Jewish people understood Zechariah 9:9 to refer to a coming Messiah and Saviour and King. How does the prophecy of verse 5 go counter to our expectations of the coming of a King?

What were most of the people and even the disciples thinking about the coming of Jesus? What were they hoping? What insight does John 12:16 give us on this?

What kind of King was Jesus and what kind of Kingdom was Jesus bringing?

How did the people communicate their praise and adoration and honour in Matthew 21:8? How would you describe the mood of the crowd?

Read what the crowd was shouting in Matthew 21:9. What does the word “Hosanna” mean? Why would the reference to “Son of David” be important?

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord” is taken from Psalm 118:26. What does it mean that Jesus *came in the name of the Lord*?

What was the reaction to all of this described in Matthew 21:10-11?

#### II. The Crowd Jeers

In Matthew 27:11-13 why is Jesus brought to the Roman governor? What could the Jewish religious leaders not do that they desperately wanted to do?

What plan did Pilate have for dealing with Jesus in Matthew 27:15-18? Why do you think that Pilate wanted to give the people this choice?

Why do we struggle in making choices that seek God and honour God?

How had the religious leaders already chosen? Read Matthew 27:18. How did the religious leaders act out their choice in Matthew 27:20?

What were the people calling for in Matthew 27:22-24?

Why had the tide of public opinion changed on Jesus? Why did the people go from cheering to jeering Jesus?

How does Jesus disappoint people and their expectations of Him?

What does Jesus know our greatest need is?