

East Side Church

Life Notes

Who is This?

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Matthew 21:1-11

Life Observation: We live in a world so crowded with **self-centeredness** and **noise** that we do not **recognize** Jesus in our midst.

And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee." –Matthew 21:10-11 (ESV)

Identity Marker #1: Jesus enters our world in **humility** rather than demanding his **rights** in **pride**.

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'" –Matthew 21:1-5 (ESV)

Identity Marker #2: Jesus enters our world in order to be a **servant** rather than a **ruler**.

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the Highest!" –Matthew 21:6-9 (ESV)

Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. –John 13:16 (ESV)

Identity Marker #3: Jesus enters our world as a **sacrificial lamb** to reveal **God's passion** for us.

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. –Philippians 2:5-8 (ESV)

Life Question: Who is **Jesus** in **my life**?