The Presentation of King Jesus...

- Fulfilled <u>Biblical Prophecy</u> (1-11)
- Denounced False Worship (12-17)
- Pronounced His <u>Coming Judgment</u> (18-22)

## *Questions for Discussion:*

Jesus' entry into Jerusalem not only fulfilled Scripture (Zech 9:9), but in riding on a donkey He modeled humility to the people consistent with the mission of His first coming (He will ride on a white horse at His second coming (Rev 19:11)). What should it look like for us to live consistent with our mission? Figuratively, should we today be "riding a donkey" or "riding a white horse" before the watching world? Why?

How do you think the crowds could possibly shout/quote Psalm 118:25-26 accurately and appropriately, only to turn around days later to shout "Crucify Him!" (Matt 27:22-23)? In what ways can we as Christians today be just as fickle?

Are there ways in which the actions of Christians today can resemble the moneychangers and those buying and selling doves in the temple place? If so, how?

If Jesus was not just cursing the fig tree because He was hungry and there was no fruit on it, what then was He doing? What was its significance?

In 21:20 what exactly were the disciples asking Jesus about? How can we embrace such a promise as Jesus made in 21:21-22 and yet face the fact that some prayer requests we ask of Jesus are not answered as we desire?