

“Identifying With a Crowd”

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A. The _____ Crowd

1. Jesus is _____ - John 18:36
2. Profession of faith is _____ - Phil. 1:19-20

B. The _____ Crowd

1. _____ of following Jesus is not weighed – Luke 14:25-33
2. _____ influence on others is sent – Matt. 26:30-35

C. The _____ Crowd

1. Our hearts _____ us
2. Our hearts _____ us – Matt. 26:69-75

D. The _____ Crowd

1. _____ in our faith occurs – 1 John 2:19
2. _____ of our faith appears – Heb. 11:13-16

The Excitable Crowd

Matthew 21:1-11, Luke 19:29-44, John 12:19, Mark 11:11

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying "Go into the village just ahead, and you will immediately find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and he will send them at once."

Now all this happened in fulfillment of the word of the prophet,
Tell the daughter of Zion,
Behold, your king is coming to you –
mEEK, and riding upon a donkey,
and upon a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Then the disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them, and brought the donkey and the colt and spread their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them. **And a great crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And marching along in front of Jesus and following along behind him, the crowds shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"**

Then some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Master, rebuke your disciples!" "I say to you," replied Jesus, "if these were to hold their peace, the very stones themselves would shout."

Then the Pharisees said among themselves, "You see? There is nothing you can do. Look! the whole world is running after him."

Now when Jesus drew near and beheld the city, he began to weep over it, saying, "If only you knew, today, the things on which peace depends! But now they are hidden from your sight. For the days are coming when your enemies will cast a rampart about you and surround you on every side. And they will dash you and your children to the ground, and will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not recognize the time of your visitation."

And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred, saying "Who is this?" "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee," the crowds replied.

And Jesus entered the temple. And when he had observed everything, he went out to Bethany with the twelve, for it was already late in the day.

The Impulsive Crowd

John 13:31-38, Matthew 26:30-35, Luke 22:31-38

When Judas had gone out, Jesus said,
"Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in him. And if God is glorified through him, then God will share his own glory with the Son of Man, and will glorify him soon. Little children, I will be with you only a little while longer. You will seek me; but as I said to the Jews, so I must now say to you: where I am going you cannot come.

"And now, I give you a new commandment: you are to love one another. Just as I have loved you, you are to love one another. If you love one another, all men will know by this that you are my disciples."

"Lord, where are you going?" asked Simon Peter.

"Where I am going, you cannot follow now," replied Jesus, "but you will follow me later."

"Lord," said Peter, "why can't I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you!"

"Will you indeed lay down your life for me?" replied Jesus. "I tell you truly, the cock will not crow before you disown me three times."

And after they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Then Jesus said to them, "this night, you will all turn away from me, for it is written, 'I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I am raised from the dead, I will go before you into Galilee."

Then Peter said to Jesus, “Even if all the others turn away from you, I never will!”

“Simon, Simon,” said Jesus, “behold, Satan wants every one of you, to sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and when you have come back, strengthen your brothers.”

“Lord,” said Peter, “I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!”

“I tell you, Peter,” said Jesus, “the cock will not crow this day until you deny three times that you even know me.”

“Even if I have to die with you, I will not disown you,” said Peter. And all the disciples said the same thing.

Then Jesus said to them, “When I sent you out without purse or provision bag or sandals, did you lack anything?”

“Nothing,” they replied.

“But now, let him who has a purse take it with him,” said Jesus, “and also a provision bag. And let him who has no sword sell his coat and buy one. For I tell you, this that has been written must be fulfilled in me: ‘And he was reckoned with the transgressors.’ For the things written about me are about to be fulfilled.”

“Lord, see, here are two swords,” they said. And he said to them, “That is enough.”

The Fearful Crowd

Matthew 26:47-56

While Jesus was still speaking, Judas came – one of the twelve, along with a great crowd with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I shall kiss is the man. Seize him!”

And he came straight to Jesus and said, “Hail, Master!” and kissed him.

“Friend,” said Jesus, “what brings you here?”

Then the mob surrounded Jesus and laid hands on him and held him. And one of the men with Jesus drew his sword and stuck the servant of the High Priest, cutting off his ear.

“Put away your sword,” said Jesus, “for all who take up the sword will die by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will immediately send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then should the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?”

Then Jesus said to the crowd, “Have you come out to capture me with swords and clubs, as if I were a robber? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But all this has come to pass, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.”

Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.