

fulfilled!

Discussion Questions

1. **Read Matthew 21:1-11.** Verse 4 says that Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey for a reason. What was that reason?

The words of the prophet that Jesus fulfilled are from Zechariah 9:9. Zechariah wrote his book after Judah came back from exile in Babylon. They were rebuilding, but were discouraged because they had no king and they were still oppressed by enemies all around and were subject to Persia. Chapter 9 is part of God's promise to help them.

2. **Read Zechariah 9:1-8.** Do you recognize any of the names in these verses? Who are they? What does God promise to do to these nations?
3. **Read Zechariah 9:9-11.** What are these verses about? Who will God send and what will He do?
4. When Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, what were the Jewish people thinking? Who ruled over them at that time? What did they think Jesus had come to do?
5. Matthew 21:4 leaves out a part of Zechariah 9:9. What is missing? Why might Matthew have done that?
6. What kind of salvation were the Jewish people expecting from their king? What kind did Jesus bring? Does or does not Jesus fulfill the prophecies of Zechariah?
7. Two other things are going to happen according to these prophecies. First, what will God do to some of the nations around Israel according to **9:6-7**? What will they become? (The Jebusites were a nation that aligned themselves with Israel back in the book of Joshua).
8. Second, what must happen to Judah, according to **13:1-3**? And what must happen to their good king (the shepherd of Israel who stands near God), according to **13:7**?
9. When Jesus came the first time, He came as the humble, righteous, king who brings salvation. Shawn mentioned on Sunday that when He comes again, it will be different. **Read Revelation 19:11-16.** What will be different in Jesus' second coming?

10. Jesus was rejected by many of the Jewish people because He wasn't the king they expected. What are the areas in your life where you find it difficult to submit to Jesus as your king? Why do you find it difficult?
11. What will you do to grow in these areas? How can we help?
12. Spend some time praying for one another. Praise King Jesus for who He is. Pray together that you will better submit to Him as king.