

Matt 21:10-11

*And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, "Who is this?"
So the multitudes said, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee."*

The triumphal entry of Jesus coming into Jerusalem on a colt, the foal of a donkey. We have all read the story and are all too familiar with it. But are we? Usually when you see movies about Jesus, they seem to depict that the entire city was there praising Jesus, but did you catch verse 10?

all the city was moved, saying, "Who is this?" Then the reply of those who were praising Jesus: *So the multitudes said, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee."*

People heard all the excitement going on, and the singing and rejoicing, and they wanted to know who this was that was receiving such praise, and why. Unfortunately they didn't have it all right as they didn't truly understand Who Jesus was at the time, so they responded with *"This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee."*

The term *the prophet* is referring to what God said a few thousand years earlier to Moses and the children of Israel concerning Jesus.

† **Deut 18:15** *"The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear."*

But even though Jesus' triumphal entry happened over 2000 years ago, still people are asking the same question about Him. *"Who is this?"* They see the churches filled with people and they hear the singing yet they still wonder, *"Who is this?"*

How are we as believers representing Jesus to the world? Living together with someone outside of marriage, running to the doctor for some pills to help us cope with life, divorcing, seeking the world for advice, running to the bank for a loan every time we don't have enough stuff, partying, going to the same "R" rated movies, watching the same junk on TV, reading the same books, dressing like the world as we are trying to draw attention to ourselves, thinking more of ourselves than the needs of others, and on and on we could go.

Yet we wonder why the world is asking, *"Who is this?"* Maybe we need to stop looking in the mirror and thinking that we are ok and start doing what Jesus' half brother wrote.

James 1:23-25 *For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.*

I admit that this needs to start with me, but I pray that you would join me so the world will stop asking "*Who is this?*" because they will know as they see Jesus in us all as believers.

✠ **1 Corinthians 11:1** *Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.*