Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem Bible Background: Matthew 21:1-11 Devotional Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:27-32

Aim for Change (Page 363):

- 1. **STUDY** the immediate response of the crowds to Jesus' arrival into Jerusalem (vv. 8-9)
- 2. **IDENTIFY** reasons people today seek and follow new leadership (*Tue Matthew 20:1-16*)
- 3. ACCEPT Jesus as a leader who offers hope for the world in every age

In Focus (Page 363):

- 1. What does humility teach us about leadership? (2 Kings 22:19; 2 Chronicles 7:14; Proverbs 22:4; *Wed Matthew 20:17-28*)
- 2. What family traditions can you create or restart to remember Jesus' sacrifice for your salvation? (John 12:16; Galatians 1:14; *1 Corinthians 11:2*; *2 Thessalonians 2:15-3:6*)

Background (Page 366):

- 1. Why are the crowds of Jerusalem so enthusiastic about Jesus now, but eager for His death a week later? (*Deuteronomy 4:23; 8:11*; 2 Kings 9:13; Mark 11:1-11; *Fri Luke 19:41-44*)
- 2. Do *you* have the same love/zeal for God as you had when you were first baptized/saved? (*Titus* 2:14-3:1-9)

In Depth (Pages 366-367):

- 1. Presence of the Prophet (*Matthew 21:1-7*) *Zechariah 9:9*
 - a. What do you do in your life to show humility? (James 4:6-11)
 - b. What do you do to build camaraderie (fellowship) both inside and outside of the church? (1 **John 1:5-10**)
 - c. When Jesus' sends His disciples out, why are they sent by two's? (*Matthew* 11:2; *18:20*; Mark 6:7; Luke 10:1)
 - d. How much do we, as believers, trust God to supply our every need? (2 Corinthians 8:13-15; Philippians 1:18-20; 2:29-30; 4:19-20)
- 2. Procession of the People (Matthew 21:8-11) *Psalm 118:25-26*
 - a. How do you respond to an unexpected leading of the Spirit during worship? (*Acts 2:4*; 1 Corinthians 2:12-14; *Ephesians 4:29-31*)
 - b. What hinders/restricts your spirit from worship? (1 Peter 4:14-16)
 - c. How does Jesus say we are *blessed* when He sees the worship in us? (*Matthew 5:1-12*)

Search the Scriptures (Page 367):

- 1. What did the people say and do as Jesus entered Jerusalem? What was the significance of their words and actions? (*Matthew 21:8-9*)
- 2. What was the difference between the people of Jerusalem and the multitude who went before and after Jesus? (*Matthew 21:10-11*)

Discuss the Meaning (Page 367):

- 1. In fulfilling His mission, Jesus was careful to look and act differently from others professing to be the *Messiah*. What were these characteristics, and which, if any, should Christians imitate?
 - a. Compassionate *Matthew 9:36-38*
 - b. Servant *Mark 10:45*
 - c. Forgiving *Luke 23:34*
 - d. Loving, Humble, Prayerful, and more...