

WHO IS THIS MAN?

Easter Sunday 2011 – Pastor George Dupree

Matthew 21:10 When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" 11 The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

WHO IS THIS MAN?

- † He is the One who gives us access to God.
- † He is the One who gives us eternal life.
- † He is The Son of God.

Now comes Jesus, riding on a colt, lowly and meek as the Old Testament prophet said.

- † Zechariah 9:9 Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

WHO IS THIS MAN? – HE IS OUR _____.

John the Baptist had declared Him to be the Lamb of God three years earlier at the Jordan River.

- † John 1:29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

WHO IS THIS MAN? – HE IS THE PERFECT _____ OF GOD.

Peter Declares That He Is The Christ – The One Anointed By God

- † Matthew 16:13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" 14 They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15 "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" 16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God

WHO IS THIS MAN? – HE IS THE _____ ONE OF GOD.

He celebrates the Passover with His disciples and later goes to the garden of Gethsemane to pray. Gethsemane means an olive oil press. Olive oil

represents the anointing and it was here that Jesus would be pressed beyond measure but He wouldn't break, rather, an anointing of unprecedented measure would come from Him. It was here that He was in such agony of prayer that great drops of blood poured from Him and fell to the ground.

- † Luke 22:44 And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

While He was on the cross He made the famous proclamation "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." Then He says "It Is Finished" and He dies. At this time the phenomenal signs from God appear.

- † Matthew 27:50 And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit.
- † Matthew 27:51 Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, 52 and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; 53 and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many.
- † Matthew 27:54 So when the centurion and those with him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

1 - The curtain in the Temple that separated the people from the holy place was torn from the TOP to the bottom giving ALL access to God.

2 - The earth quaked, rocks split and graves opened showing that there was life beyond the grave.

3 - The Centurion had a revelation that this was truly the Son of God.

These are the three things that answer the question the people asked as He rode into Jerusalem on the donkey that day when they said "Who Is This Man?"

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