

## **Don't Miss It**

Palm Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup> 2018

**41 As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace-but now it is hidden from your eyes. The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you."**

The people had waited for months for Jesus to make his claim - Now they see him making it.

- Their joy and emotion erupted.
- Matthew says that the whole city was **stirred**.
  - The word Matthew uses here that is translated stirred is "**seismos**" which means quaking, trembling .

The crowd waved Palm Branches - an emblem of victory and restoration

- These people felt that victory and restoration was riding right before their eyes on a colt

While the crowds are caught up in - the shouts of Hosanna - the palm branches - the excitement -

- It is very easy to miss this part of the story.
- **Verse 41: As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it**

### **Do you see the picture - Do you see the contrast?**

- Do you see the crowds singing...shouting...praising Jesus...thousands surrounding Jesus - But not one notices Jesus.
- No one sees the one they are calling King as he sits on the colt weeping...

The crowd that day saw a conquering King that could miraculously deliver them from Roman rule

- They **MISSED** the Eternal King who could save their souls and give them life everlasting.
- They saw a earthly King who could miraculously feed their mortal bodies with bread and fish.
- They **MISSED** the Savior - who could give them the Bread of Life.