

1. Opening Prayer

2. Intro: Zion Tradition

Zion Tradition: based on God's **covenant/promise** to be present with the people since Exodus (especially Mount Sinai), it had been developed with the notion of (conquest of) a **dwelling place** (Exodus 15:1-8 and Psalm 78:59-72).

Covenant: Exodus 24:5-8

Dwelling Place: Eden, Tent of Meeting, Tabernacle, Canaan (Deut. 1:25), Temple, and Zion

Zion in Psalm (38 times):

- a. Royal Governance (Psalm 2:6, 110:2, 132:11-18).  
The name "David" is important but it represents God's sovereignty (Psalm 48:11-14).
- b. Ritual Center (Psalm 9:11, 43:3-4, 68:16)  
Those who come to the Zion and do the rituals will be purified (Psalm 15:1-5).  
Other nations will be invited (Psalm 102:21-22).  
Zion is the place of salvation (Psalm 14:7, 20:1-3, 53:6)

Zion in Prophets (before and after Temple destruction)

- a. Eschatology (Jeremiah 31:7-14, Ezekiel 20:33-44, Isaiah 35:1-10)
- b. Universal (Isaiah 2:2-3, 25:6-10, Micah 4:1-5)
- c. New Covenant/Law (Isaiah 2:2-3, Jeremiah 31:31-34)
- d. Messianic Coronation (Ezekiel 17:22-24, 34:23-31, Zechariah 14:8-11, Isaiah 24:23)

With this notion of Zion, how would people understand Jesus' entry into Jerusalem?

3. Read Ch. 11

#### 4. Discussion

- a. Compare Jesus' Entry in Synoptic Gospels (Mark 11, Matthew 21, and Luke 19:28) What are the differences? Do you think the differences give readers different understandings on Jesus' entry?
- b. Why do you think Jesus rode the donkey? What was His intention?
- c. Why do you think people shouted Hosannas, using Psalm 118:26?
- d. Why do you think that Jesus didn't tell the crowd to be quiet this time?
- e. How shall we understand Jesus riding a donkey and entering Jerusalem?
- f. How do you understand Jesus' action to cleanse the Temple? Shall we understand it politically, ethically, and theologically?
- g. Verse 16 is uniquely mentioned only in Mark. What is its implication?
- h. Compare Jesus' cleansing the temple with Matthew 21. What do you find out?
- i. What do we learn from the fig tree?
- j. What is the implication of the religious leaders' question to Jesus?
- k. What is the implication of the religious leaders' answer to Jesus?
- l. What would be a better answer to Jesus?

#### 5. Closing Prayer