

## **AND GOD SAYS . . .**

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Have you ever noticed that the more you read God's Word, the Bible, the more it comes alive and the more insights you discover that you never saw before? This is true for me again this year concerning the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.

First, I noticed that there were two major groups of people. There were the crowds of people, and there were the religious leaders. The thing that impressed me was that the crowds of people just went along with the flow of things. They were out there welcoming Jesus, throwing down their cloaks and praising Him, as it seemed the popular thing to do. But later on, you will remember, they were the ones who were stirred up by the leaders to feverishly cry out for Jesus' crucifixion. It seemed that they were easily swayed one way and then the next.

Isn't this a lot like the crowds of people today? Because of the media coverage and their support or criticism, whatever the case may be, a president, congressman or celebrity can either be loved or hated. The crowds just accept the popular opinion as expressed by the major media and go along with it. Mankind really hasn't changed all that much.

Secondly, I noticed that the religious leaders didn't question Jesus' authority itself, they questioned "who gave Him His authority" (Luke 20:2). You see, it was obvious that Jesus had authority, because no man could do what He did without it. But did it come from Satan, God or man?

But notice Jesus' answer. Jesus did NOT answer because they really did not want to know the answer. They just wanted to justify themselves and what they already believed. It is a lot like evolutionists and atheists today. They really don't want answers, rather they want to justify themselves and their own faith in themselves. They reject any scientific evidence or truth that contradicts their faith and react against any and all who would dare oppose them.

So, are you one of the crowd, one of the critics, or one who seeks the truth? The answer to that is evidenced by what you do with Jesus.