**Reflections-04-09-17**

Power, Humility, Pride, Jealousy

*“When do you know when you become too big to fail or too big for God?”*

Matthew 21:1-17

1. The chief priests and the scribes were angry with Jesus because the crowds, the children and the sick called him “Son of David”. Do you ever feel jealous when someone gets more attention than you?
2. The clergy (chief priests & scribes) couldn’t see what other saw in Jesus. What do you think was blinding their vision? What do you think blinds your vision?
3. How do you know when “your ego” gets too big? What does it look like?
4. Pastor Glen prays that we would “shrink” so that we would become comfort with being human. Do you agree that humility is lacking in our culture?
5. The crowd shouted “Hosanna” which means “Save Us”. Do you find yourself shouting the same thing to God?
6. Pastor Glen’s brother Buzz refused to listen to his parents, even though his parents loved him very much. Do you think this is similar to our relationship with God?

**Matthew 21:1-17**

21When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 2saying to them, ‘Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. 3If anyone says anything to you, just say this, “The Lord needs them.” And he will send them immediately.\*’ 4This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,
5 ‘Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
   humble, and mounted on a donkey,
     and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’
6The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; 7they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. 8A very large crowd\* spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,
‘Hosanna to the Son of David!
   Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!’
10When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, ‘Who is this?’ 11The crowds were saying, ‘This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.’

12 Then Jesus entered the temple\* and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold doves. 13He said to them, ‘It is written,
“My house shall be called a house of prayer”;
   but you are making it a den of robbers.’

14 The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. 15But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did, and heard\* the children crying out in the temple, ‘Hosanna to the Son of David’, they became angry 16and said to him, ‘Do you hear what these are saying?’ Jesus said to them, ‘Yes; have you never read,
“Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies
   you have prepared praise for yourself”?’
17He left them, went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.