Jerusalem Controversies

Lesson 9, 3rd Quarter August 29-30, 2014.

Memory Text:

"And when we stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses." KJV – Mark 11:25

"The Sadducees had flattered themselves that they of all men affirmed most strongly to the Scriptures. But Jesus showed that they had not known their true meaning. That knowledge which they had received was not from the Scriptures, but from the traditions of the elders. Many of the Scriptures and the power of God he declared to be the cause of their confusion of faith and darkness of mind. They were seeking to bring the mysteries of God within the compass of their finite understanding, and by their traditions they had made void the sacred truths that would enlighten and strengthen the understanding. Thousands believe infidels because their finite minds cannot comprehend the mysteries of God. They cannot accept the wonderful revelation of divine power in his providences, therefore they grope the evidences of such power, attributing them to natural agencies which they can comprehend. Thus they are left in darkness, and they will be deceived and confounded by the delusions they have chosen to accept. Men need to recognize God as the Creator of the universe. One who commands and executes all things. They need a broader view of his character and his authority." Ellen G. White

Sunday, August 25

The Triumphal Entry

Read Mark 11:1-11 and Zechariah 9:9, 10. What is happening here?

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Friday, August 30

Further Thought

“The Pharisees had gathered close about Jesus as He answered the question of the scribe. Now turning He put a question to them: “What think ye of Christ? whose son is He?” This question was designed to test their belief concerning the Messiah,—to show whether they regarded Him simply as a man or as the Son of God. A chorus of voices answered, “The Son of David.” This was the title which prophecy had given to the Messiah. When Jesus revealed His divinity by His mighty miracles, when He healed the sick and raised the dead, the people had inquired among themselves, “Is not this the Son of David?” The Syrophoenician woman, blind Bartimaeus, and many others had cried to Him for help, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Thou Son of David.” Matthew 15:22. While riding into Jerusalem He had been hailed with the joyful shout, “Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.” Matthew 21:9. And the little children in the temple had that day echoed the glad ascription. But many who called Jesus the Son of David did not recognize His divinity. They did not understand that the Son of David was also the Son of God. DA 608.3

“In reply to the statement that Christ was the Son of David, Jesus said, ‘How then doth David in Spirit [the Spirit of Inspiration from God] call Him Lord, saying, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit Thou on My right hand, till I make Thine enemies Thy footstool? If David then call Him Lord, how is He his son? And no man was able to answer Him a word, neither durst any man from that day forth ask Him any more questions.’” DA 609.1

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