

Sermon: “*The Storm Before The Calm*”
Text: Matthew 21:1-11 (page 826 in the pew Bible)

I. Setting the scene

Matthew 21:8-9 “Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”

Matthew 21:10 “ And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up*,

*Greek “*seis-thay*” from which we get our word “seismograph”

II. A shift in strategy

A. A shift to magnify God’s salvation by His Son

Acts 26:26 (Paul to Agrippa): “For the king knows about these things, and to him I speak boldly. For I am persuaded that none of these things has escaped his notice, for this has not been done in a corner.”

B. A shift to manifest God’s Sovereignty

Mark 14:1-2 “Now the Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread were only two days away, and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were scheming to arrest Jesus secretly and kill him. “But not during the festival,” they said, “or the people may riot.”

Acts 4:26-28 “The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the Lord and against his Anointed One.' Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen.”

III. A surprising methodology

A. The mission of Jesus

B. The method of Jesus

I Peter 3:18 “For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, *that He might bring us to God...*”