

Study Guide

WELCOME JESUS INTO YOUR LIFE

Text; Matthew 21:1-17

There are four prayers we need to pray — four things we need to cry out to God so that he will have the place he deserves in our life.

1. S_____ US

The word "hosanna" means, literally, "God save us."

With this prayer we w_____ Jesus into our lives. It is a prayer of total dependence on God. It says, "God, I can't save myself; I need you in my life. I need you to be my Messiah. I need you to be my Savior."

This is where our r_____ with God begins — by accepting Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior — and this is how it continues day by day.

If we want to live an abundant life, the foundation of our lives must be total and complete d_____ on God.

Our attitude must be, "God we cannot do this without you. We need your help to accomplish what you have called us to do."

2. C_____ US

Ask yourself this: if Jesus came into the temple of my life, what tables would he overturn? What elements would he want to drive out?

Our prayer needs to be, "God, cleanse me. Cleanse my life like you cleansed the temple. Drive out everything that isn't pleasing to you."

3. H_____US

The way we welcome Jesus into our lives — and into our church — is through p_____ and w_____. God inhabits the praises of his people. When we begin to praise him, he begins to move among us.

Our third prayer should be, "Hear us, Lord, as we offer you praise."

4. U___ US

14 The blind and the lame came into the temple, and he healed them.

This verse teaches us two important things about the ministry of Jesus. People's n_____ are important to God.

Jesus stayed focused on his top priority. Jesus' primary purpose for being here was to seek and save the lost [Luke 19:10].

And our prayer needs to be "God use us to do your work here on earth. Just as Jesus reached out to hurting people, help us reach out to hurting people. Help us make a difference in people's lives.