

The Multitude in the Temple

THE CHILDREN CRYING HOSANNA!

Saint Matthew — Chap. 21

ET intravit Jesus in templum Dei...

15. Videntes autem principes sacerdotum et scribæ mirabilia quæ fecit, et pueros clamantes in templo et dicentes : Hosanna filio David, indignati sunt

16. Et dixerunt ei : Audis quid isti dicunt ? Jesus autem dixit eis : Utique ; numquam legistis : Quia ex ore infantium et lactentium perfecisti laudem ?



The Temple was entered from the right and worshippers went out again on the left. The orientation of the Temple being from west to east, the right half of it was on the south and the left on the north. It was, therefore, possible to go in by the door at the north-west angle and leave again by that on the north-east corner, after having gone twice round the Temple. To reach it from the town, therefore, Jesus must necessarily have passed over the so-called Xystus Bridge on to which opened the Royal Porch on the south of the



AND Jesus went into the temple of God,

15. And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the son of David ; they were sore displeased,

16. And said unto him, Hearest thou what these say ? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea ; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise ?



Temple. This Porch or gallery, which had recently been completed by Herod, consisted of five naves formed by four rows of Corinthian columns ; there were one hundred and sixty of these columns, and in the centre, to uphold the cupola,

were four thicker columns which four men together were scarcely able to encircle with their arms. This part of the Temple was shady throughout the day, and was, therefore, much resorted to by the people ; the Pharisees preferred it as did the Sadducees and other sects, each of which had its doctors



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