



THE GOSPEL OF

MARK



Sermon Series Notes

The Humble King (Mark 11:1-11)

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The Triumphal Entry: Jerusalem / Sunday, Passover Week

Mt 21:1-11, Mk 11:1-11, Lk 19:29-44, Jn12:12-19 (Overhead)

Read Mk 11:1-11

All 4 Gospels include the Triumphal entry; So interesting the way that Mt, Mk, Lk and Jn are used by the Holy Spirit to give us a magnificent visual of this event

- Sunday April 14, Jesus entered Jerusalem amid huge fanfare, great commotion and a very large following.

This is both Appropriate and Prophetic

Appropriate:

- **More than 500 yrs of oppression**
- **Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome**
 - **These conquering Kings would force**
 - Jews to pay homage, line the streets
 - with cloaks in the road
 - Tree branches waved and also placed in the road
 - **Similar celebration in King Davids time.....**
 - Were more spontaneous
 - Less pomp, but non the less welcoming their conquering hero King

Appropriate and Prophetic:

- Jesus comes from East of Jerusalem which is prophetic itself
 - Typical verbiage for Jesus arriving on the scene
 - **Ezk 41:1** Then the man brought to the gate facing east and I saw the glory of the God of Israel coming from the east
 - **V4** The glory of the Lord entered the temple through the gate facing east
 - Wise men in **Mt 2** saw his star in the East and followed it to find and worship Him

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- **Jesus enters Jerusalem on the very day...Daniel speaks of in....**
- **Dan 9:25-27** He states that 483 days after the temple has been rebuilt the Anointed one will come and suddenly be cut off

Zach 9:9,10 Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰ I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the warhorses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River^[b] to the ends of the earth

- He had sent disciples on ahead to get the donkey and bring it back to Him
- An animal symbolic of peace and humility and Davidic royalty
 - And they shouted prophetic greetings befitting their Messiah – king
 - Hossana, Hebrew expression for save,
 - also means blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
 - part of a praise song sung at Passover
 - And also denoting the coming of the messianic Kingdom promised to David's son

But Jesus deliberately departs from the script

- Conquering hero's and kings Typically Ride in on a powerful war Horse, majestic and high above the crowd
- Jesus comes in on a Donkeys colt at about eye level
 - Jesus Christ, The King of Authoritative, miraculous power,....

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- King of creation
 - King of heaven and earth
 - King of humanity,....riding into town on a donkey
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- Jesus was a king who didn't fit into the world's categories of king ship....
 - **He brought meekness and majesty together**

Jonathan Edwards, sermon preached in 1738, Using this text of the triumphal entry, flashed forward to the prophetic vision of John in

Rev 5:5-6

Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals."⁶ Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders.

John is told to look for a Lion, but in the midst of the throne he sees a lamb. Edwards speaks of the scene in utter amazement

- Lions excel in strength and the majesty of appearance & voice
 - Lambs excel in meekness and patience,...sacrificed for food and clothing.....Christ is compared to both
- Jesus combines character traits that we would consider mutually exclusive
 - Infinite majesty – complete humility
 - Perfect Justice – boundless grace
 - Absolute sovereignty – Utter submission
 - All sufficiency in Himself – Yet entire trust & utter dependence on the Father
- **This is the King** who creates and holds all things together riding into the very center of His people on a lowly donkey

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Note: While the crowds exalt and sing praises to their King 3 very significant things happen

First: The Religious leaders are overwrought

The Pharisees and religious leaders are furious

- **In Mt 21 they say,** “Do U hear what these children are saying”
- **Yes I do, says Jesus.** Have you never read.....” from the lips of children and infants, you have ordained praise.”
- **Lk 19:39,40** Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”⁴⁰ “I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”
- **Jn 12:11 They make plans to kill Laz also** because many people are believing in Jesus because of the miracle of Raising.....
- **Jn12:19** Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. ¹⁸ Many people, because they had heard that he had performed this sign, went out to meet him. ¹⁹ So the Pharisees said to one another, “See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!”
 - **Huge crowd coming in from Bethany 2 miles away**
 - **Huge crowd coming out from Jerusalem because they continue to testify about Laz**

First: The Religious leaders are overwrought

Secondly: The crowd is overjoyed

The disciples and the crowd have no idea how traumatic this week is going to end

- **They are oblivious,** they think as I said 2 weeks ago....form our text in Mk 10.....

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This is the day

He will Oust the Romans
Sit on 12 thrones ruling the restored Davidic kingdom
Who could dethrone a king who makes food out of thin air!
Controls nature!
Heals all manner of sickness!
Raises the dead!

First: The Religious leaders are overwrought
Secondly: The crowd is overjoyed
Thirdly: Jesus is over whelmed

What a wild scene this is! (Expound)

Lk 19:41 Says As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it⁴² and said, “If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes.⁴³ The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side.⁴⁴ They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God’s coming to you.” Expound

The disciples are clueless.

- It is the consistent blindness
- Their inability to perceive
- Their complete lack of understanding that Jesus was a different kind of King
 - **That though he could win with a word**, He would win by saying Father forgive them,....they don’t know what they are doing.
 - **Though he could flex His cosmic muscles** and knock everyone, and everything to the ground.....He allowed them to tie him up, abuse Him in a mock trial, and win by giving up His life nailed to a Roman Cross

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- **And though seemingly dying in despair**, He put death to death, gave life to life, and became the author of reconciliation to the Father by redemption, and salvation, and justification, and transformation,
 - **He is the ultimate good news**
 - **He has fought for us and won**
 - **He makes intercession for us as He sits at the right hand of the Father**
 - **Remember that when we partake of His body and blood today**

Jn 12:16 At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him.

- 1. This is what can happen when we don’t discern the scriptures**
- 2. When we don’t allow scripture to remind us of the complete character of Christ**

3. When we don't remember Him, (part of our communion service today)

Here is an overview of the rest of Passion week as Jesus intentionally, provocatively, and obediently finishes His Mission

Jesus curses the fig tree: Monday

Mt 21:18,19, Mk 11:12-14

Jesus clears the Temple: Monday

Mt 21:12-13, Mk 11:15-18

- Monday morning after Tri-entry Jesus headed back into Jer...
 - He was hungry, but no fruit, Jesus curses tree
- P.7** Not time for figs yet should have had some figs if it were going to bear figs later.
- Jesus uses this as a metaphor for the fruitlessness of the worship center of the Jews,.....The Temple
 - One of just a handful of times Jesus cleans house
 - House of Prayer,..... Den of robbers
 - Religious leaders feared Him and looked for a way to kill him.....people were amazed at His teaching
 - Spent rest of day teaching and healing all who came to Him

The authority of Jesus questioned: Tuesday

Mt 21: 23-27, Mk 11:27-33, Lk 20:9 – 21:4

Jesus teaches in the Temple: Tuesday

Mt 21:28 – 23:39

- Jesus walking through temple on Tuesday after ransacking it
- Chief Priests ask by what authority are you doing these things
- Jesus:...I got a question for you
- Johns Baptism / Heaven or Men?
 - Priests,... if we say heaven, He'll want to know why....
 - If we say men the people might stone us, they believed John was a prophet.....**We Don't Know!**
- Jesus: neither will I tell you by what Authority I am doing,....

Note: Spends rest of this day

- **Teaching Parables indicting Chief priests and Pharisees**
- **Paying taxes to Caesar, doctrine on Marriage, love, Christ**
- **Spends 2 chapters speaking of the 7 woes of hypocrites**
- Ends daytime Tuesday with lament & signs of the end of the age

Jesus anointed at Bethany: Tuesday Evening

Mt 26:6-13, Mk 14:3-9, Jn 12:2-11

- Martha served, Laz was at the table, Mary is at Jesus feet

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The plot against Jesus: Wednesday

Mt 26:14-16, Mk14:10-11, Lk 22:3-6

- Judas agrees to betray Jesus for 30 pieces of silver

The last Supper: Thursday Evening

Mt 26:17-29, Mk 14:12-25, Lk 22:7-20, Jn 13:1-38

Jesus comforts His disciples: Thursday Evening

Jn 14:1, - 16:33

Garden of Gethsemane: Thursday Evening

Mt 26-36-46, Mk14:32-42, Lk 22:40-46

Jesus arrest and trial: Thursday night and Friday

Mt 26:47 – 27:26, Mk 14:43 – 15:15, Lk 22:47 – 23:45,
Jn 18:2 – 19:16

Jesus Crucifixion and Death: Friday

Mt 27:27-56, Mk 15:16-41, Lk 23:26-49, Jn 19:17-30

The Burial of Jesus: Friday

Mt 25:57-66, Mk 14:42-47, Lk 23:50-56, Jn 19:31-42

The Empty Tomb: Sunday

- We serve a risen King!

Call the band out / ushers to pass out the elements.

Pre communion:

This entry into Jerusalem has been called the triumph of Christ.

- It is the triumph of humility over pride and worldly grandeur
 - Of poverty over haughty affluence
 - Of meekness & gentleness, over malice and rage

Lk 22:13-16 (Read it) stop

During communion:

Lk 22:17-20

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This is exactly how the Gospel is forged

- Swirling emotion of hope

- **Confrontation of powerful demonic forces**
 - **Yelling stop praising him**
 - **You think a man on a donkey can save you from me**
- **The centrality of Jesus withstanding it all as he makes the plea,.....**
 - **Recognize the time of God coming to you**
 - **Recognize and respond**

Col 2:13 When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you^[d] alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.^[e]