

The Gospel According to Mark

What's a King Doing on a Donkey? *

Mark 11:1-19



Introduction:

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I. THE PREPARATIONS OF THE KING (vs. 1-6)

A. His Arrival (vs. 1a)

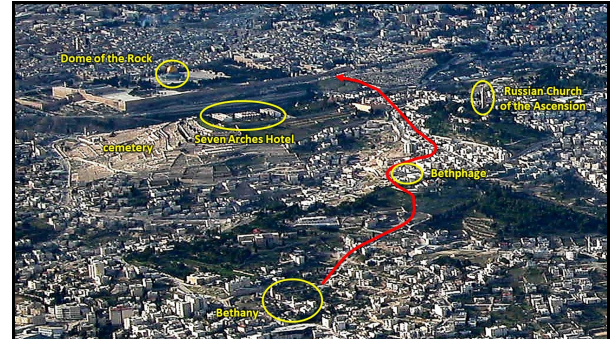
“As they approached Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives...”

B. His Arrangements (vs. 1b-6)

“He sent two of His disciples, and said to them, ‘Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, on which no one yet has ever sat; untie it and bring it here.’ ”

“If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ you say, ‘The Lord has need of it’; and immediately he will send it back here.”

“They went away and found a colt tied at the door, outside in the street; and they untied it. Some of the bystanders were saying to them, ‘What are you doing, untying the colt?’ They spoke to them just as Jesus had told them, and they gave them permission.”



II. THE PRESENTATION OF THE KING (vs. 7-11)

A. The Path He Took (vs. 7-8)

“They brought the colt to Jesus and put their coats on it; and He sat on it.”

“And many spread their coats in the road, and others spread leafy branches which they had cut from the fields.”

B. The Praise He Received (vs. 9-11)

“Those who went in front and those who followed were shouting: ‘Hosanna! BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD. Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David; Hosanna in the highest!’ ”

“Jesus entered Jerusalem and came into the temple...”

“and after looking around at everything, He left for Bethany with the twelve, since it was already late.”

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III. THE PASSION OF THE KING (vs. 12-19)

A. He curses those who put on a show but do not produce. (vs. 12-14)

“On the next day, when they had left Bethany, He became hungry.”

“Seeing at a distance a fig tree in leaf, He went to see if perhaps He would find anything on it...”

“and when He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs.”

“He said to it, ‘May no one ever eat fruit from you again!’ ”

“And His disciples were listening.”

B. He condemns those who know better but do nothing about it. (vs. 15-19)

“Then they came to Jerusalem. And He entered the temple...”

“and began to drive out those who were buying and selling in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves; and He would not permit anyone to carry merchandise through the temple.”

“And He began to teach and say to them, ‘Is it not written, MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL THE NATIONS? But you have made it a ROBBERS’ DEN.’ ”

“The chief priests and the scribes heard this, and began seeking how to destroy Him...”

“for they were afraid of Him, for the whole crowd was astonished at His teaching.”

“When evening came, they would go out of the city.”

Conclusion:

- 1) Worship the One who is always in control.
- 2) Worship the One who submits to the Word of God.
- 3) Worship the One who embodies humility.
- 4) Worship the One who alone can save.
- 5) Worship the One who always acts justly.

Food for Thought:

- 1) How does Jesus’ “grand entry” differ from the practices common among great leaders?
- 2) What kind of Messiah did the people expect and want? How do they register their disappointment soon after?
- 3) What would Jesus say if He came and looked around at your church? your life?
- 4) How were the fig tree and the temple alike?