

## **Mark 11:1-11**

Now when they drew near Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples;<sup>2</sup> and He said to them, "Go into the village opposite you; and as soon as you have entered it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has sat. Loose it and bring *it*.<sup>3</sup> And if anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it,' and immediately he will send it here."

<sup>4</sup> So they went their way, and found the colt tied by the door outside on the street, and they loosed it. <sup>5</sup> But some of those who stood there said to them, "What are you doing, loosing the colt?"

<sup>6</sup> And they spoke to them just as Jesus had commanded. So they let them go. <sup>7</sup> Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes on it, and He sat on it. <sup>8</sup> And many spread their clothes on the road, and others cut down leafy branches from the trees and spread *them* on the road.<sup>9</sup> Then those who went before and those who followed cried out, saying:

"Hosanna!

'Blessed *is* He who comes in the name of the LORD!'

<sup>10</sup> Blessed *is* the kingdom of our father David  
That comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest!”

<sup>11</sup> And Jesus went into Jerusalem and into the temple.  
So when He had looked around at all things, as the  
hour was already late, He went out to Bethany with the  
twelve.

- 1)** Going through the gospels, our challenge is to capture the Lord's heart, not just lessons
  - 2)** As David killed a lion, bear & giant, those around him didn't learn a technique, but his heart
  - 3)** Let's keep our eyes on the Lord and His heart and **learn Him**
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1. All 4 Gospel writers speak of this final week
    - a. The culmination of His entire ministry led up to this point
    - b. The ultimate giving of His own life in sacrifice
    - c. His role is our substitution

- i. He could have paid the price from a distance
  - ii. Instead He spent 3 years teaching us what God is like
  - iii. He taught us how to pray, how to believe, how to minister
- 2. After 10 chapters of living a life of service to others and not wanting to be known
- 3. Ch 11 opens with the very public display of who He is.
- 4. He drew near Jerusalem to Bethpage & Bethany
  - a. Bethpage means house of figs
  - b. Bethany means house of dates
- 5. **Jerusalem**: Place of the
  - a. Temple / Fellowship with God
  - b. Mt. Moriah / Calvary / Cross
  - c. Resurrection

6. Multitudes made their way into Jerusalem to celebrate Passover
  - a. **Josephus**: 2 million people gathered in Jerusalem
  - b. **Barclay** "Jesus could not have chosen a more dramatic moment; it was into a city surging with people keyed up with religious expectations that he came."
  
7. **Bethany** is where Lazarus was raised from the dead
  - a. Returning to Bethany will prompt many to come see who this Jesus is

## **I. Messengers / disciples & colt**

## **II. Message / our Lord**

### **I. Messengers**

1. Jesus sends 2 disciples to get a colt from the other village
  - a. Why use the messengers?

2. Jesus could have easily gone directly to the other village personally
  - a. He could have gotten the colt himself, but He desires to use His disciples
    - i. Just as when He told them to remove the stone during Lazarus resurrection
  - b. Why the messengers?
    - i. To relate to us
    - ii. To teach us
3. To relate to us with respect to need
  - a. The wisdom of God determined that Jesus would be limited and "need" to relate to us
  - b. The scripture declares the Lord has need of them...
  - c. In Christ, God feels what we feel
    - i. He relates to us

d. **Jesus was hungry, thirsty, tired, grieved,  
He wept & rejoiced just like us**

e. **Is 63:9** In all their affliction He was afflicted,  
And the Angel of His Presence saved them

#### **4. This need also helps to teach us**

a. No matter how godly we are, how intelligent,  
how capable, we'll always have a need and  
rely on others

b. There is a reason why we are in a family

iii. A biological family

iv. A family of believers

1. So that we don't become self  
sufficient

2. There is beauty in harmony

5. He understands every detail about our life

a. Some may ask, "if Jesus knows all & feels my  
pain, then why am I still going through all  
this?"

- a. There are things we put ourselves through
- b. There are things God allows us to go through
  - i. I don't have to understand A-Z to walk with God

6. The disciples didn't understand what was happening in Jerusalem

- a. That didn't stop Jesus from completing His mission
- b. It doesn't stop Jesus from doing His work in our lives
  - v. So long as I do like the disciples.
    - 1. **Stay close** to Jesus at all times

7. Why the colt?

- a. Certainly it was to fulfill prophecy
- b. A colt/donkey is very good at returning to its owner if ever the owner is out of sight
  - a. They're much smarter than we think

- c. We learn from the colt that when we lose sight of God, we can find Him again
  - i. In His Word
  - ii. In time of private prayer
  - iii. In His Church
  
- 8. Many were already in the city
  - a. They were looking for the miracle worker who raised Lazarus
  
- 9. Hosanna to the Son of David." "Hosanna" means "save now...save now..."
  
- 10. They were not looking for a personal savior
  
- 11. Along with the disciples, they were expecting a military Messiah
  - b. They wanted one who would come in and by great power, overthrow Rome.
  
- 12. He arrived in a way that would show them that He was not interested in doing that



13. Their ignorance of who He is did not hinder His mission
  - a. He continued with His disciples despite their ignorance
    - a. When we don't understand God's purposes, He continues with us

## **II. Message**

1. Jesus does not only have a message
  - a. He is the message
2. His message was:
  - a. Public, prophetic
3. His message was **public** so everyone could see Him
  - a. **David Guzik** When they drew near Jerusalem: Jesus knew that the religious leaders were going to arrest Him and condemn Him and mock Him and scourge Him and deliver Him to the Romans for crucifixion (Matthew 20:19). Yet He had the courage to

not only enter Jerusalem, but to enter in as public way as possible...

b. Why so publically?

i. So not one would say, we didn't know

c. The multitudes in Jerusalem would know that Jesus, the Son of David was being hailed the Messiah

d. They are shouting Hosanna in the highest

4. ... They're shouting Psalm 118 verse 26, a Psalm of salvation sometimes called "The Conquerors Psalm," which a hundred years before, the Jews shouted at Maccabeus because he was triumphing over the Syrians.

Matthew adds, they said, "Hosanna, save now to the Son of David." That's the most common messianic title, so they were identifying Jesus as the Messiah. "Save now, Messiah. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord..." (**McArthur**)

- a. They thought that Jesus would save them from Rome
  - i. They missed the reason for His arrival
  - ii. One of the greatest tragedies is that someone would miss Jesus because they were looking for Him to do something else

5. 2nd part: The message was **prophetic**

a. **His arrival fulfills prophecy**

- i. Over 300 prophecies mentioning the Messiah

- b. **Zech 9:9** "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He *is* just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.

6. The timing was also perfect

- a. Scholars agree that the 69 weeks of Daniel were fulfilled at this time

b. ... In Daniel 9 we're given a really important prophecy, Daniel 9:24 to 27, that it will be 483 years, 69 weeks of years, 69 times seven...four hundred and eighty three. Four hundred and eighty-three years from the decree of Artaxerxes to rebuild Jerusalem which was in 445 B.C., 483 years to the arrival of Messiah. If you do the calendar work on that, 483 years from the decree of Artaxerxes lands you on this day when Jesus came into the city. God's timing is perfect, down to the clearest detail. It was a faithful arrival, faithful to the divine purpose, prophecy and timetable. (**McArthur**)

7. The message also occurred on **Passover**

a. celebrating **The Exodus (ch. 12)**

i. Get a lamb on the 10th day of the month

ii. Kill it on the 14th day

8. He's on a mission to be the substitute

a. Give you His life

b. He takes your life

9. Chancellor of Moody Bible Institute, told of a series of tornados that caused extensive damage in eastern Ohio and western Pennsylvania. Nearly 100 lives were lost. Prior to the storm, a man named David Kostka was umpiring a Little League baseball game in Wheatland, Pennsylvania. When he saw the black funnel heading toward the field, he rushed into the stands and grabbed his niece. He pushed her into a nearby ditch and covered her with his body. Then the tornado struck. When the youngster looked up, her uncle was gone. He had given his life in the deadly storm to save her.

10. Love is what caused God to die in our place

a. He would rather die than live without you.