

“The Triumphal Entry”

Mark 11:1-11

APPROACHING JERUSALEM. v.1-6

1. The sovereign AUTHORITY of King Jesus.

- He told his disciples the coming events in detail. v.2-6 Same with Mark 14:12-16
- He had also told them the “passion prophecies” of 8:31; 9:31; 10:33-34.

2. The HUMILITY of King Jesus.

- God’s plan was for Jesus to enter Jerusalem riding on a donkey colt.
- Matthew specifically names it as a donkey colt and says it is a fulfillment of Zechariah 9:9: *Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.*

Zechariah 9:10: I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

3. The special nature of his mission. v.2: “a colt on which no one has ever sat”

- Numbers 19:2: a red heifer without defect or blemish that has never been yoked...to be slaughtered
- Deuteronomy 21:3: a heifer that has never been yoked...to be sacrificed
- 1 Samuel 6:7: two cows that have never been yoked to pull the cart carrying the Ark of the Covenant

→ An animal that had not been put to ordinary use...for a sacred task.

THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY. v.7-10

1. The ROYALTY of King Jesus. v.7-8

- They put their cloaks on the donkey. v.7
- They spread their cloaks on the road ahead of Jesus, along with leafy branches from the fields. v.8

2. The REVELATION of King Jesus. v.9-10

- The people shout praises from the Hallel Psalms (Psalms 113-118). Esp. Ps 118 – distinctly Messianic
- These Psalms were written as praises sung in connection with the Passover celebration. Ref. Ex 12
- Characterized by God’s redemption of His people, especially from slavery in Egypt.

JESUS ENTERED THE TEMPLE. v.11

1. Jesus went into the temple and looked around at everything. v.11

- Jesus himself was the architect of the Temple. Ref. Hebrews 8:5

2. The glory and the temple. A little redemptive history...

- The glory of the LORD filled the temple. (Solomon ruled 970-930 BC) 2 Chronicles 7:1-3: *As soon as Solomon finished his prayer, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the Lord filled the temple. ² And the priests could not enter the house of the Lord, because the glory of the Lord filled the Lord's house. ³ When all the people of Israel saw the fire come down and the glory of the Lord on the temple, they bowed down with their faces to the ground on the pavement and worshiped and gave thanks to the Lord, saying, “For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.”*
- Ezekiel ch. 10-11: describes the glory of the LORD leaving the temple and Jerusalem. circa 600 BC
-The glory of the LORD went out from the temple, out of the city, out the east gate, over the Mt. of Olives.
-Ezek. 43:1-9 promises a return of the glory—fulfilled in Christ!
- The incarnation and birth of Jesus Christ. John 1:14: *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*
- Now Jesus enters the temple...

3. The glory of Christ in His temple today.

- He can come into your heart and make you His holy temple. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
- He can come into your family and make it His holy temple. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
- He can come into our church and make it His holy temple. 1 Corinthians 3:16-17