

The King Arrives, Bringing Salvation
Mark 11:1-10
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I love watching fireworks, especially the grand finale.

Jesus is entering the grand finale of fulfilled prophecy.

Lazarus was from the dead, and blind Bartimaeus given sight.

Jesus was trending; going viral.

Jesus is proclaiming himself King. The Messianic king.

With this trip to Jerusalem, Jesus was crossing the Rubicon.

Why is Bethany mentioned at the Beginning and the End?

The Mount of Olives is mentioned for its messianic overtones.

The Garden of Gethsemane is there.

David traveled to the Mount of Olives when he was betrayed.

Why does Jesus give such specific instructions?

Jesus is orchestrating events, he is ordering them.

Why a colt, a young horse or donkey, on which no one has ridden?

Walking into Jerusalem, Singing the Hallel psalms, Ps 113-118.

Why an animal never ridden? (Numbers 19:2; Deut 21:3; 1 Samuel 6:7)

Why a Colt at all?

Zechariah 9:9 Three fulfillments:

The entry (See your king comes),

the sacred, messianic colt (riding on a colt),

the praise of the people (Rejoice!).

Why was he Tied?

Gen 49:10-11

“...someone from the tribe of Judah who will tether his young colt in preparation to shed blood for the remission of sin, as in the manner of a priest. The very act of untying the young colt is itself a messianic sign.”

The Scene now looks like Royal Procession, or a Coronation.

Why the cloaks?

2 Kings 9:12f, A symbolical declaration, “this is our King!”

Why the Branches?

1 Maccabees 13:51: (celebrating a kingly victory)

Who was doing the praising?

Galilean pilgrims who followed Jesus and believed in him.

What did the Praises Mean?

Hosanna

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord (Psalm 118:25-26)

Blessed is the Coming Kingdom of our Father David.

Hosanna in the Highest!

Jesus is Enacting Zechariah 9:9-10

On Palm Sunday Jesus Wept (Luke 19:41-44)

This is your day of visitation.

Palm Sunday was a triumph for Jesus and his people.

What will you do with King Jesus, the savior, the messiah?