

THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

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Mark 11:1-11

(ESV)

[1] Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples [2] and said to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. [3] If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.’” [4] And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. [5] And some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” [6] And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. [7] And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. [8] And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. [9] And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! [10] Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!”

[11] And he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple. And when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

INTRODUCTION

Even the simple affirmation of the kingship of Christ demands a response from all of us.

REVIEW

Mark wants us to know the identity of Christ.

- **Mark 1:1**—*The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.*
- **Mark 1:11**—*And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”*
- **Mark 3:11**—*And whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, “You are the Son of God.”*
- **Mark 3:21**—*“He is out of his mind.”*
- **Mark 3:22**—*“He is possessed by Beelzebul,” and “by the prince of demons he casts out the demons.”*
- **Mark 4:41**—*“Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”*
- **Mark 8:29**—*“You are the Christ.”*
- **Mark 10:45**—*For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”*

THE DISCIPLES

That which seemed random to the disciples, was completely purposeful for Jesus.

“God is always doing 10000 things in your life, and you may be aware of three of them.” —**John Piper**

When God is at work in us, he is not so concerned that we understand the outcome of his plans, but rather that we trust him through it.

Isaiah 55:8–9

*[8] For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.*

*[9] For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.*

Romans 11:34

*[34] “For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been his counselor?”*

Knowledge is a byproduct of faith, and not the other way around.

“For I do not seek to understand in order that I may believe, but I believe in order to understand. For this also I believe—that unless I believe I shall not understand.” –St. Anselm

THE COLT

Jesus comes into Jerusalem riding on a colt to reveal his identity as the messiah.

Zechariah 9:9

*[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.*

THE CROWD

Notice that the crowd honors Jesus.

Notice that the crowd follows Jesus.

Notice that the crowd sings to Jesus.

Acts 2:38–[38] *And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.*