

Mrk40 – Right Savior Wrong Expectation – Mark 11:1-11

This is the beginning of the Final week -
of the earthly life of Jesus

It's the beginning of PASSOVER week

& on Friday of this week thousands and thousands
of Passover Lambs will be slain

& on that same day
the vast majority of Jerusalem will MISS

God's TRUE Passover Lamb - being slain on the cross
to once & for all – pay for our sins

& it all begins with the Triumphal Entry today

Jesus has been moving with a determined commitment
to get to THIS Exact PLACE - on THIS Exact DAY

Because God has some Very Exact Prophecies

For Jesus to Fulfill – on this Day –
& In the way - that Jesus enters Jerusalem

Unfortunately – the People – Have their OWN IDEAS

Let's Pray

So – While Jesus was on his way
to Fulfill these Crucial Messianic Prophecies

The Jewish people were LOOKING for a Savior

& Jesus WAS the Right SAVIOR (The Messiah)
he WAS the SAVIOR they were looking for
He WAS the ANSWER From Heaven – to their problems

But the People's Expectations were NOT God's Plan
on this Triumphal Entry day

& THAT is exactly the problem
The People's Expectations – were THEIR expectations

they wanted a SAVIOR from Heaven
but they wanted a SAVIOR - on THEIR terms (not God's)

& that makes the people of Jerusalem
a Perfect Picture of many of US - today

Mark 11:1 (NLT)

1 As Jesus and his disciples approached Jerusalem . . .

The Traveling Ministry of Jesus is over

from the Northern edge of the GOLAN at Caesarea Philippi
to the Southern Desert of what is now Jordan

That part of the ministry – has now Concluded

& now he is climbing the steep road from Jericho to Jerusalem
to approach – not just Jerusalem – but to approach the cross
to pay for our Sin – in our place – to be able to offer us
an entrance to heaven - thru Faith in him

THAT is what – THIS Triumphant Entry
Was Truly About

THAT is why Jesus had come – to this moment

BUT - the People's Expectations of Jesus
were drastically different

Jesus had to come to give them (& us) a way to freely receive
the Eternal, Glorious, Kingdom of Heaven

But the people – were Expecting Jesus
To give them - “Their BEST Life – NOW”

& now there is a MASSIVE CROWD following Jesus

Not just the 12 and the Ministry Support Disciples

But also, a steadily growing CROWD – because
of his Miracle-Healing - Celebrity Status

PLUS - it is the beginning of PASSOVER Week
- The largest of all the Jewish Festivals

& Jerusalem would swell
by over 1 MILLION visitors for PASSOVER

& so - there could easily be thousands of people
Expectantly walking with Jesus

Waiting for him to PROVE
that he was their DELIVERER

**BUT - what the word DELIVER - Meant to the People
was Different - than what the word DELIVER - Meant to GOD**

& So - we have the RIGHT SAVIOR
but a drastically WRONG EXPECTATION from the people

**B.T.W. - PASSOVER is the Celebration of
GOD delivering his people from the Oppression of Slavery**

& - unbeknownst to Most of this CROWD

The Entire Passover event was a PICTURE -
a Foreshadowing of Jesus Christ - & this Exact Moment

When Jesus arrived to be God's Passover Lamb

You can go to the CCN or WBM websites, or Phone Apps
& SEARCH - "Christ in The Passover" - awesome

Alright - do we have the BACKGROUND?

Again - Mark 11:1 (NLT)

1 As Jesus and his disciples approached Jerusalem, they came to the towns of Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent two of them on ahead.

As **Jesus** approached **Bethany** & **Bethpage** –
THIS is **where** he **raised** **LAZARUS** from the **dead**

& these **towns** were still **A BUZZ** – from that Miracle
& **so even more people** would **join him**

All in all – it **had** to be **Thousands of People**
ALL with **very high Expectations**

of **What THEY WANTED Jesus – To DO for Them**

But – **Jesus knows** – **what** the **people** **Need FIRST**

Is a SAVIOR to **Deliver them**
from the **Eternal Effects** of **their Sin**

& So **Jesus goes on** – **Fulfilling God's PROPHECIES**
& **God's PLAN**

So Jesus says to 2 Disciples in - Mark 11:2-3 (NLT)

2 “Go into that village over there,” (Bethpage, very close to the Mt of Olives) **he told them. “As soon as you enter it, you will see a young donkey tied there that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here.**

3 If anyone asks, ‘What are you doing?’ just say, ‘The Lord needs it and will return it soon.’ ”

**There are Numerous Prophecies being fulfilled
IN the Triumphal Entry – & this is a critical one**

& So the two Disciples – went to work

Mark 11:4-7 (NLT)

4 The two disciples left and found the colt standing in the street, tied outside the front door.

5 As they were untying it, some bystanders demanded, “What are you doing, untying that colt?”

6 They said what Jesus had told them to say, and they were permitted to take it.

7 Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments over it, and he sat on it.

**This was to Fulfilling a Critical Prophecy
in ZECH 9:9 – Written 500 yrs earlier**

**Which said the Messiah would enter Jerusalem
on the Colt of a Donkey**

**AND this Prophecy was being fulfilled on the Exact Day
that Daniel Prophesied - it WOULD be Fulfilled (Dan 9)**

For more on the prophecies fulfilled in the Triumphal Entry –

**Search for “Palm Sunday Prophecies” on either Website
or Phone App – it will blow your mind**

So - the Disciples threw their cloaks on the Donkey
as a make-shift saddle

& the crowd followed suit

Because the crowd was ALL IN at this point

& so – in Mark 11:8 (NLT)

8 Many in the crowd spread their garments on the road ahead of him, and others spread leafy branches they had cut in the fields.

This was an Ancient custom

of Displaying Submission to a King

for the people to lay their cloaks
on the ground for the King

was saying “*we place ourselves under your authority*”

The problem was

the crowd had their own expectations

of what was Required of the King

in order to EARN their Submission to him

& so - much like today – the crowds ACCEPTANCE of Jesus
was SUBJECT to Jesus

BEING the King - they wanted him to be

& DOING what - they wanted him to do

They were Expecting Jesus to FIX

Their **Political, Military, Social Life** (*removing Roman rule*)

What they Wanted – What they Expected

was for **Jesus** to **IMPROVE Their Life NOW**

& **That Expectation** created a **Huge crowd**

JUST LIKE it **has** for the **Largest church** in **America**

where the **Pastor** is **FAMOUS** for **saying**

Jesus will give you your best life now

& **Jesus ABSOLUTELY WILL**

Give you **your best life now**

The problem is – how **YOU define** your **best life now**

& how **GOD defines** your **best life now**

are **Often** - Two **VERY DIFFERENT DEFINITIONS**

YOUR Definition is **often Driven**

by **your Flesh** & by **the World**

& **GOD'S Definition**

is driven SOLELY by Eternity

& then - **LUKE** tells us, **these next verses occurred**

just as the **crowd crested** the **Mount of Olives**
and **began** the **descent** into **Jerusalem**

Mark 11:9-10 (NLT)

9 Jesus was in the center of the procession, and the people all around him were shouting, "Praise God! (Hosanna!)

Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

10 Blessings on the coming Kingdom of our ancestor David!

Praise God (Hosanna) in highest heaven!"

The **People** are **Quoting**
the **Famous Messianic - Psalm 118**

Hosanna means **Lord, Save Now**

Referring to the **Savior**

Matthew says **they** were **also crying** out

"Hosanna to the Son of David!"

which was a **well-known title** for the **Coming Messiah**

this crowd DID see **Jesus**

AS the Possible Messiah (at least on this day)

& **they were Making Quite** a **PUBLIC SCENE** about it

**AND - This is the FIRST TIME that Jesus
had EVER Allowed anything like this to take place**

**Jesus had NEVER ALLOWED
this type of Public Fanfare – to Occur**

But Here – it is CRITICAL that this happen TODAY
in order to Fulfill the Prophecies of the O.T.

In fact in Luke's Account – in Luke 19.39

**some of the Pharisees told Jesus to STOP the crowd
from using these MESSIAH Phrases about him**

& in Luke 19:40 (NLT)

40 He (Jesus) replied, "If they (the crowd) kept quiet, the stones along the road would burst into cheers!"

**It had to be made Absolutely Clear – on THIS Day
Jesus was entering Jerusalem as God's Promised Messiah**

& so the Crowds CRIED OUT

**But they were Crying Out
for the SAVIOR that THEY WANTED?**

**They were NOT Crying Out
for the Savior that HEAVEN SENT**

The people wanted a Savior

**that would FREE them from the Rule of ROME
they wanted a Political/Military Savior**

But **God knew** – **what** they **NEEDED FIRST**
was an **Eternal Salvation Savior**

& **we know** the **crowd** **Never Got That**

Because in just a **few days**
this crowd completely **TURNED on Jesus**

They gave Jesus **FOUR DAYS**
to **begin** to **give them** - **their Best Life NOW**

& **when** he **didn't**
this **same Crowd** **SCREAMED** at **Pilate**

CRUCIFY HIM, CRUCIFY HIM –
& - we have NO King but Ceasar!

BUT – ALL the **Hosanna's** this **Crowd** was **SINGING out**
on the **Triumphal Entry** day – **WERE TRUE**

Jesus **IS our Savior** – come from **God**

He **IS the Eternal King** from the **Line of David**

& He **IS Coming Again** to set up a **Kingdom** that will **NEVER End**

Jesus is Everything the Bible says he is
& he will ultimately Do everything the Bible says he will do

The problem for this crowd
AND for some people today

Is **that God** is **NOT going about it**
the way the **People WANT Him To**

& **God** is **not doing it** in the **Time-Frame**
The **people** want him **to do in**

This is the **beginning** of the **week** that **God provides**
an Entrance into the **Kingdom of Heaven**

for **ALL** who will **put their Faith** in **Jesus Christ**

BUT – **the people** are – **MISSING IT**

Because -Altho they have the **RIGHT SAVIOR**
They have the **WRONG EXPECTATIONS**

& **so** our **text today** – kinda **ends** – **FLAT**

Mark 11:11 (NLT) → → →

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11 So Jesus came to Jerusalem and went into the Temple. After looking around carefully at everything, he left because it was late in the afternoon. Then he returned to Bethany with the twelve disciples.

**Here - Jesus is doing RECON in the Temple
Because He's got work to do here tomorrow**

But for today – It's Late

**He's already fulfilled some Key O.T. Prophecies
& that's enough for one day**

**so he gathers up his disciples
& heads to his friend's house in Bethany for the Night**

Because Jesus NEVER spent the Night in Jerusalem

**Until it was in a prison
waiting to meet the cross the next morning**

**To CLOSE today – let's go back to the Prophecy
that is central to this text**

**IN the beginning of our text – Jesus had two of his disciples
go & get the Colt of a Donkey**

**& then the people made a King's Entrance for Jesus
to ride the Donkey into Jerusalem**

& we said this was to Fulfill a very clear
& well-known Prophecy from ZECH 9:9

& that prophecy - has some INSIGHT

as to WHY the People's Expectations
were SO FAR OFF

AND – maybe it gives US some insight

into WHY - OUR Expectations of Jesus
can be SO FAR OFF

Zechariah 9:9 (NLT) (leave up a min)

9 Rejoice, O people of Zion! Shout in triumph, O people of Jerusalem! Look, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and victorious, yet he is humble, riding on a donkey— riding on a donkey's colt.

What WORDS stand out to you in that **Prophecy**

Rejoice – **Triumph** – **King** – **Righteous** –
& especially - **VICTORIOUS**

THAT is **EXACTLY** the **Savior**
the people were **looking for**

ESPECIALLY those **words**
TRIUMPH & VICTORIOUS

Here's a question

If I were to ask – a Non-Christian today

WHAT would you most like TRIUMPH & VICTORY over, in your life, from God?

Would that Non-Christian Desire the true TRIUMPH & VICTORY that Jesus Christ came to give us?

& here is the harder question

If I were to ask – MOST Church-Attending Christians today

WHAT would you most like TRIUMPH & VICTORY over, in your life, from God?

Would Most CHRISTIANS - Desire the true TRIUMPH & VICTORY that Jesus Christ came to give us?

I'm afraid many would not . . . WHY?

Because Jesus came to First & Foremost – Give us Eternal Victory over Sin
an Eternal Home with God in Heaven
& an Eternal Power to live this life until we get there

Jesus Christ came FIRST as an Eternal Savior
To FIRST secure a Glorious Eternal Life for you

**Unfortunately - We are Mostly Consumed
with THIS LIFE - & THIS WORLD**

The **VAST Majority** of **what** we **Think About**
is **how** to **Make This Life Better** – **For Us**

& **so** – **Most Often** - our **First Thought**
when we **talk** about **TRIUMPH & VICTORY** from **God**

IS Triumph & Victory - **OVER**
Some Situation or **Circumstance** - **In THIS Life**

& **Sadly** - **When Jesus** Does **Not Provide**
What we **EXPECTED** Him to **PROVIDE** – **in this life**

We Often TURN on **Him**
JUST – **LIKE** – **THIS** – **CROWD**

This Crowd was **Ready & Willing**
to **HAIL Jesus AS** their **Messiah**

... IF HE DID WHAT THEY WANTED!

& **when Jesus DID NOT do** what **they wanted**
they **turned on him** with a **Vengeance**

which I have **seen over & over** in **30 years** of **ministry**

Guys - We CANNOT be like this Fickle Crowd

We **CANNOT** be **willing**
to **Crown Jesus** as **KING** in our **lives**

IF Jesus will DO - what we want him to do

Instead – we've **got**
to **come to Jesus** as **LORD** (Genuinely) - & **say to him**

Lord, Align my heart & my will with yours

cause me to Embrace
your Great, Eternal Purpose in my life

& Please - Keep me – from Expecting you to do
what I want you to do

I trust YOU Lord, I put my faith in YOU

I want YOUR purpose – & your Good plan for my Life
NOT MY OWN

Let's Pray