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### The Triumphal Entry

**Mk. 11:1-11**

Jesus now arrives to the area of the Mount of Olives ready to make His triumphant entry as King on Palm Sunday.

1. This is the last week of our Lord's life.
2. The cross is, but days away.

Jesus has been walking under the shadow of the cross for six months, from the confession of Peter at Caesarea Philippi, that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of the living God, till now as He is about to enter Jerusalem in what has been called His Triumphal Entry from God's perspective, not man's, being the fulfillment of prophecy.

The prophetic event is so important that it is recorded in all four gospels. Matt. 21:1-9; Mk. 11:1-19; Lk. 19:28-48; Jn. 12:12-19

1. The Lord Jesus said, "You search the scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me." Jn. 5:39
2. Jesus said, "I have come in the volume of the book it is written of Me, to do thy will, O God". Heb. 10:7
3. The Scriptures tell us that the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy. Rev. 19:10c

\* Jesus was born for this very day as a witness against the Jews and all who reject Him!

The account of Jesus entering Jerusalem on Palm Sunday according to Mark unfolds in three movements. Mk. 11:1-11

- I. The arrival and instructions of Jesus. vs. 1-3
- II. The obedience and return to Jesus. vs. 4-8
- III. The prophecy and fulfillment by Jesus. vs. 9-11

#### **I. The arrival and instructions of Jesus. vs. 1-3**

**A.** The occasion and location, "Now when they drew near Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples."

1. The distance from Jericho was about 17 miles, about seven hours.
  - a. The route was an ascent from 800 feet below sea level to 2500 feet above sea level, from Herod's new Jericho probably on the old Jericho road of the parable of the Good Samaritan, where the man was assaulted, a dangerous route.
  - b. We use to travel it by bus in the 70's to 90's when we went to Israel, it was narrow, windy with dangerous cliffs.
2. The village Bethphage means house of unripe figs.
  - a. Probably before Bethany coming from the Jericho Road that is why it is mentioned first, the location is unknown.

- b. The located on the east side of the Mount of Olives.
  - 3. The village Bethany means house of dates.
    - a. It was located two miles east from Jerusalem, on the east side of the Mount of Olives.
    - b. Lazarus, Mary and Martha lived in Bethany. Jn. 11:18
  - 6. The Mount of Olives is on the east end of the city, rising about 2600 feet, overlooking the City of Jerusalem and the temple.
    - a. Jesus ascended from there after His resurrection at His First Coming. Acts 1:12
    - b. Jesus will descend on the Mount of Olives at His Second Coming and His foot will touch the mount and split it in two. Zech. 14:4
- B.** The words for the preparation, “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*.” vs. 2
- 1. The indication to “them” is to His disciples. vs. 2a
    - a. Matthew and Luke say Jesus sent two. Matt. 21:1; Lk. 19:29
    - b. All the gospels leave them unnamed.
  - 2. The instructions were to very specific, “Go into the village opposite you; and as soon as

- you have entered it you will find a colt tied.” vs. 2b-c
- a. The village is not indentified, but it probably Bethphage for Jesus had just left Bethany.
  - b. A colt “polos” a young of a donkey, both were symbolic of pursuing peace and ridden by princes and kings.
  - c. Matthew also mentions the female donkey. Matt. 21:2
3. The special quality of the colt is stated, “on which no one has sat. Loose it and bring *it*.” vs, 2d-e
- a. One unbroken unriden, indicating for sacred purpose. Num. 19:2; Keut. 21:4; 1Sam. 6:7
  - b. Jesus was born apart from human agency.
  - c. Jesus would be buried in a tomb where no man ever lay.
4. This was prophecy being fulfilled, though Mark does not indicate it.
- a. To get a colt tied and never ridden or broken, yielding to the Creator. Zech. 9:9
  - b. The prophecy of Daniel was also being fulfilled, 483 years, the first 69 weeks of Daniel or 173,980 days, based on 360 day year calendar.
  - c. The countdown began on March 14, 445 B.C. to April 6, 32 A.D. Dan. 9:24-26

- d. Matthew and John indicates the prophecy of Zechariah. Matt. 21:5; Jn. 12:14-15
  - e. John says, “His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and *that* they had done these things to Him.” Jn. 12:16
- C. The objection by the owner of the colt is stated by Jesus, “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.” vs. 3
1. The revelation could be prophecy by Jesus.
    - \* Jesus knew all things.
  2. The Lord could have made earlier arrangements with the man, who could have been a disciple of Jesus.
    - a. His immediate obedience revealed his whole-hearted service to Jesus.
    - b. All three synoptical gospels record this, including John.
    - c. The arrival to Jesus was sobering for He knew what it meant for Him, but to the apostles it was exhilarating, having no clue of the about His hour.

### **Illustration**

Much like a child who is oblivious to the danger of driving through a dangerous landslide area, they are enjoying the ride.

### **Application**

1. Too often individuals like the crowds who were cheering Jesus and quoting Scripture were excited about the thought that the Kingdom had arrived, so they profess their love and devotion to Jesus.
  - a. But when Jesus was not as popular by the end of the week, some that were in the same crowd were crying out crucify Him!
  - b. The test of our love and devotion to Jesus will be when things do not go our way or it is not so popular to be associated with Jesus or Christianity, the test will be if we turn our backs on Him or not.
  - c. The tyrannical regulations and restrictions on churches right now by governor Newsome and others has caused some to not gather together or serve, this is the beginning of our test.
  - d. I am not speaking about those with with underlining conditions who are elderly and a high risk, but those who are perfectly healthy and survivability against covid-19 is 99.1-9%, it is a test!
    - \* “To the church of Smyrna Jesus said, “Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be **faithful** until **death**, and I will give you the crown of life.” Rev. 2:10
2. Every believer will be tested throughout life, if we consider ourselves true disciples of Jesus.

- a. God already knows my heart and yours, but will allow each of us to see if we will be willing to put all things at the feet of Jesus as our Savior and King in service to Him!
- b. God also knows weather we serve Him only to get things or only when it is convient, again He will allow each of us to see our own hearts through good and difficult times in life.
  - \* "Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross **daily**, and **follow** Me." Lk. 9:23

*This was the arrival and instructions of Jesus!*

## II. The obedience and return to Jesus. vs. 4-8

- A. The disciples set out to get the colt. vs. 4-6
  - 1. The instructions of Jesus were found to be true, "So they went their way, and found the colt tied by the door outside on the street, and they loosed it." vs. 4
    - a. Jesus had made no other arrangements.
    - b. Jesus stated it because He knew all things.
  - 2. The objection regarding the colt was also found to be true, "But some of those who stood there said to them, "What are you doing, loosing the colt?" vs. 5
    - a. The owners said, "What are you doing?" Lk. 19:33

- b. This would be a most natural objection to anyone approaching a colt that was not theirs.
- 3. The declaration of the disciples, "And they spoke to them just as Jesus had commanded. So they let them go." vs. 6
  - a. "The Lord has need of it, and immediately he will send it here." vs. 3
  - b. They were probably disciples of Jesusm the Lord "kurios" means Master.
- B. The disciples returned with the colt. vs. 7-8
  - 1. The preparation for the entry into the city was executed, "Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes on it, and He sat on it." vs. 7
    - a. Jesus sat on the colt, not the donkey.
    - b. Jesus allowed them to set Him on the colt. Lk. 19:35
  - 2. The adoration of Jesus was expressed openly, "And many spread their clothes on the road, and others cut down leafy branches from the trees and spread *them* on the road." vs. 8
    - a. During this time of Passover there were about three-million plus people in Jerusalem.
    - b. The speadig of their clothes on the road was a act of respect and honor to Jesus.
    - c. The four gospels use different words for the greenery placed on the toad.

- d. He went down the western slope of Olivet, descending towards the city.

### **Illustration**

This was like the joy of parents seeing their son or daughter obey, then as they grow and mature to see that they do things for them and the family out of a devotion of love and not mere regimented obedience.

### **Application**

1. Everyone one of us as believers should express our love for Jesus in our worship, due to possessing some of the most basic things that will affect our eternity.
  - a. The forgiveness of all our sins.
  - b. The understanding of the word of God.
  - c. The incredible privilege to tell others who are perishing they can be forgiven.
  - d. The divine nature given to us to live the life of Christ.
  - e. The fact that when we give up our last breath, we will be instantly present with Jesus.
    - \* "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the **riches** of His **grace** which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven

and which are on earth--in Him." [Eph. 1:7-10](#)

2. There are people that come to my mind from the last 40 years as well as my heart for their servant-like attitude and service to Jesus is a delight.
  - a. Hank Marquez.
  - b. Ed and Jonnie Vendenmuelar.
  - c. Pete Mornae.
  - d. And so many of you that I observe week after week, serving joyously and faithfully.
    - \* "So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, **say**, 'We are **unprofitable** servants. We have done what was our duty to do.'" [Lk. 17:10](#)

*This was the obedience and return to Jesus!*

### **III. The prophecy and fulfillment by Jesus. [vs. 9-11](#)**

- A. The quotation is from Messianic Psalm, "Then those who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: "Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!'" [vs. 9](#)
  1. There were two groups indicated by Mark.
    - a. "Those who went before", indicting those locally.
    - b. "Those who followed", those who had come with Jesus, even from Jericho.
  2. The words are from the Hallel Psalms, also called Psalms of ascent, Ps. 113-118 that

were sung as people pilgrimaged to Jerusalem. Ps. 118:25-26

- a. The word Hosanna means “save now”, implying supplication, adoration and deliverance. 2Sam. 14:4; 2King. 6:26
  - b. The well spoken words were about the Messiah who had come in the name of LORD, the covenant God, Yahweh.
  - c. The word blessed “eulogeo” means well spoken of, we get our word to eulogize.
3. Jesus had not allowed public worship of Him throughout His ministry, but now for the first time He did.
- a. As Jesus drew near to the of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying , "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" Lk. 19:37
  - b. This included the twelve, the seventy and all following Jesus.
- B.** The comprehension of the crowd was that the Kingdom Age was to be established, “Blessed *is* the kingdom of our father David That comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” vs. 10
1. The people were declaring, "Blessed be the kingdom of our father David", the Messianic promise to David. 2Sam. 7:12-14

- a. The word blessed “eulogeo” means to speak well of, it is the word for eulogy.
  - b. The perfect participle passive means “having been and is now blessed” by God the Father, as the prophesied Messiah and King, Son of David.
    - 1) The short-term fulfillment through Solomon to sit on the throne of David.
    - 2) The long-term fulfillment through the promised Messiah, Jesus Christ.
2. The Jews were expecting a conquering Messiah, “That comes in the name of the Lord!”.
- a. The covenant name of God, Yahweh, Who had promised to send their Messiah to deliver His people.
  - b. So the Jews understood this to mean Jesus was about to destroy Rome and set up the Kingdom Age, the age to come.
    - 1) The Jews saw the present age as evil and were expecting the Age to come, the Kingdom Age.
    - 2) That is why James and John petitioned Jesus for the right and left hand in His glory, along with their mother, because they thought as He was making His way up to Jerusalem was for the purpose of setting up the kingdom Age. Mk. 10-35-45: Matt. 20:21; Lk. 19:11

- 3) The disciples had often discussed who would be the greatest in the Kingdom. Lk. 9:46; 22:24
  - 4) The church age was not part of the eschatology in the mind of the Jews disciples or apostles.
3. The affirmation of the arrival of the Kingdom Age was, "Hosanna in the highest!"
- a. Hosanna means save now, implying supplication, adoration and deliverance.
  - b. But instead this was the First Coming of the Messiah, the suffering Messiah, the Servant of Yahweh would.
  - c. Jesus wept over Jerusalem and refused to silence His disciples at the request of the Pharisees and gave her up. Lk. 19:39
- C. The inspection of the house of God by Jesus, "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." vs. 11
- 1. The verse is unique of Mark.
    - a. The word temple "hieron", means the precincts with all its porches of Gentiles, women and Israelites, He observed.
      - \* Distinguishing it from the Holy of Holies!
    - a. Mark only mentions this visit to the temple right after His triumphal entry.

- b. Matthew and Luke do not mention this temple visit, only the second cleaning of the temple the next day, on Monday. Matt. 21:10-17; Lk. 19:45-47
2. The day being late, "He went out to Bethany with the 12 apostles."
- a. Jesus left the city every night of the last week of His life, Passion Week.
  - b. Some speculate He spent some nights under the open air at the Mount of Olives or the house of Lazarus in Bethany?
  - c. Two of the synoptic gospels tell us Jesus went and lodged at Bethany. Matt. 21:17; Mk. 11:12

### Illustration

The Bible is generally said to contain about 25% of its contents in reference to prophecy, which is not far from its actual percentage.

- a. Of the 23,210 Old Testament verses, 6,641 are predictive material or 28 ½%.
- b. Of the 7,914 New Testament verses, 1,711 are predictive material or 21 ½%.
- c. Therefore for the 31,124 verses in the entire Bible, 8,352 are predictive material, or 27 % of the whole.

### Application

- 1. Do you believe Jesus fulfilled this prophecy as well as many others?

- a. You have to believe the entire Bible if you call yourself a Christian.
  - b. You cannot pick or choose the things you want to believe and choose the thing that you do not want to believe.
  - c. Do you believe that the prophets and apostle spoke inerrant and infallible?
    - \* “And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private **interpretation (personal source or origin)**, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.” [2Pet. 1:19-21](#)
2. Do you believe the teaching called “Kingdom or Dominion Theology”?
- a. It teaches the church is going to bring in and set up the Kingdom of God on the earth.
  - b. It teaches the world is going to get better, not worse.
    - \* How are they going to explain the evil control of people that is going on globally through covet-19?
  - c. Or do you believe what the Scriptures teaches that Jesus is going to rapture His church before the seven years of Tribulation and Great-Tribulation, then return in the Second Coming to set up His Kingdom?

- d. Do you believe the lie of “Replacement Theology” that teaches God is through with Israel and now the church is “spiritual Israel” and all the promises and blessing in the Old Testament belong to the church because God is through with Israel!
- e. Really, what do you do with all the material in the major and minor prophets about the “remnant of Israel”, Rom. 9-11, Rev. 6-18?
  - \* Listen to James he refutes all these false teachings, “Simon has declared how God at the first visited the Gentiles to take out of them a people for His name. “And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written: ‘After this I will return And will rebuild the **tabernacle of David**, which has fallen down; I will rebuild its ruins, And I will set it up; So that the rest of mankind may seek the LORD, Even all the Gentiles who are called by My name, Says the LORD who does all these things.’” [Acts 15:14-17](#)

***This is the prophecy and fulfillment by Jesus!***

### **Conclusion**

The account of Jesus entering Jerusalem on Palm Sunday according to Mark has unfolded in three movements.

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