



First Baptist Church of Cypress
THE KING IS COMING

MARK 11:1-11

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Good morning First Baptist Church of Cypress. So this week in the book of Mark, we have finally reach Jerusalem **in Mark 11**, as Jesus is only a week away from his crucifixion. We have been on an interesting journey together since last May in 2019. We are approaching a year of the Study of Christ and ventured through Jesus' Baptism & Temptation, the beginning stages of ministry in Galilee, His ministry in various Gentile regions, on the road to Jerusalem, and now we have made it to Jerusalem with Jesus.

Mark 11:1-11

*"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."*

1. Jesus makes us RIGHT before God.

- Israel was in WANT of a King to make things right from ROMAN rule.
- The World is in NEED of a King to make things right from SINFUL rule.

2. Jesus is IDENTIFIED as King of Israel.

3 Ways the Crowd Identified Jesus as King:

- Riding a COLT was suited for the purpose of HOLINESS. (v 2-6)
- Spreading CLOTHES was welcoming a new KING. (v 7)
- Laying BRANCHES pictured future royal TRIBUTE, JOY and SALVATION. (v 8)

3. Jesus is KING like the PASSOVER Lamb who comes to TAKE AWAY the sin of the WORLD. (v 9-11)

- The way Jesus would SAVE the people would be to DIE for the people.
- HOSANNA was a Hebrew prayer meaning to "SAVE NOW" as the true MESSIAH. (v 9)

*"but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, **16** having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. **17** For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil."*

1 Peter 3:15-17

These people were blind not seeing their need but only their want, like many of us are also blind to the real need for our lives. God opens our eyes to see Jesus and to see our need of him. Our greatest need is spiritual even during this great medical and physical need of a cure from the COVID-19. So let us pray for people to get well and overcome this sickness of this Corona Virus. Pray for the spread to cease and the quarantine to be lifted in our community. Pray for each other and our countries leaders. But most of all pray for the spiritual sickness that is caused by a sinful heart.

Pray that people would see Jesus as King, as Messiah, as the Savior and Lord who can save them of their sins eternally. You may need to call on Jesus right now to save you from your sins. If God is drawing you to himself right now and renewing your heart, the best response is to surrender to his lordship in your life. Maybe you need to pray a prayer of Hosanna "to save now" believing with your heart and confessing with your mouth. And for you who are a Christ followers, be encouraged today knowing what kind of KING we have. That he is our Lord Jesus Christ who has saved us from our sins and has called us to belong to him and his Kingdom.