

Eagle Ridge Lake Elsinore — July 19, 2020 “The Gospel of Mark” (Mark 11:1-11)

Introduction

- One of the few accounts that is mentioned in all four gospels. This brings some importance to what is being discussed!
- **WHEN:** The Triumphal Entry to Jerusalem took place during the Passover Feast.
 - Celebrating God’s protection during His judgement over Egypt.
 - The **centerpiece** of the feast is the Passover Lamb.
 - **Exodus 12**, “Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. ...Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it...The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations, as a statute forever.”
 - The sacrificial Passover lamb has semblance to Jesus, who would sacrifice his life so we would not incur the wrath and judgment of God.
 - **[John the Baptist at the arrival of Jesus] John 1:29**, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

Scripture Reading (Mark 11:1-11)

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.

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- **WHY:**

- To fulfill prophecy **[spoken 500 years prior]**
 - **Zechariah 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.”
- Placing this in context with what we just studied.
 - **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.” **[Humility, Trust, Obedience]**
 - Jesus rode in to Jerusalem, triumphantly, for what was destined to be.
 - Jesus rode in knowing that he would be sacrificing His life, as that unblemished lamb, for the sake of all humanity.

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- **HOW:**

- When kings or rulers would enter a city riding a horse, it was a symbol of power, authority, and war.
- However, when they entered riding a donkey, it was a symbol of service and peace.
 - Jesus was not entering Jerusalem to overthrow the Roman government.
 - He rode in as an unblemished lamb, ready for sacrifice, to bring peace and salvation to all people!

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- **WHAT** did He enter with? Shouts of praise!

- **Matthew 21:9**, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”
- **Mark 11:9-10**, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!”
- **Luke 19:38**, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”
- **John 12:13**, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!”

- **Hosanna! ["give salvation now"]**
 - **Psalms 118:25-26**, "Save us, we pray, O Lord! O Lord, we pray, give us success! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We bless you from the house of the Lord."
 - The people were declaring that Jesus was their King!
 - Some were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" Some shouted, "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!"
 - There seemed to be a veiled sense of praise for Jesus as a political king. But also as the promised Messiah.
- Although some of these shouts were misunderstood, how prophetic every chant would become!
 - Jesus is God. He is our King. He is our Savior. For those who trust in Him, He has delivered from the bondage of sin. He is worthy of every praise!
 - I want to bring us back to the passage in Luke.
 - As Jesus was approaching Jerusalem in such fashion, he was approached by those who have been trying to silence Him throughout His ministry.
 - **Luke 19:39-40**, "And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, rebuke your disciples.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.'" **[Blind Bartimaeus]**
- **We were made to praise!**
 - **Psalms 30:4**, "Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name."
 - **Psalms 145:21**, "My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever."
 - **1 Chronicles 16:8-10**, "Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!"
 - **Hebrews 13:15**, "Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name."
 - If we have surrendered our life to Jesus, this is what we are meant to do.

Conclusion

- Jesus' prayer over Jerusalem
 - **Luke 19:42-44**, "Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. For the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up a barricade around you and surround you and hem you in on every side and tear you down to the ground, you

and your children within you. And they will not leave one stone upon another in you, because you did not know the time of your visitation.”

- For a moment, Jesus paused His triumphal entry.
 - He surveyed the city and wept for it and for the people.
 - Why? Because they did not recognize their salvation.
 - They ignored those that came before to warn them and prepare them for His arrival.
 - They fell in line with the established political and religious system.

- **Did you miss the parade?**
 - Have you had a misunderstanding of who Jesus is?
 - It's not too late. The time is NOW, to receive the peace of salvation that only Jesus can provide.