



JUST JESUS: A Journey Through Mark PART 41 - 11:1-11

The King Chooses His Route

READ: Mark 11:1 AND Zechariah 9:9

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1) What stands out to you about where Jesus chooses to stage His entrance (Bethphage/Bethany/Mount of Olives), and what that says about the kind of King He is?
- 2) In what ways do humility and intentionality show up side-by-side in this moment, both in Mark's story and in your own walk with Jesus?
- 3) Zechariah 9:9 describes a King who comes "humble... mounted on a donkey." What does that challenge in how we naturally picture power, leadership, or victory?
- 4) Pastor G said, "Jesus isn't trepidacious, He's triumphant... He's setting the stage for a public statement." Do you agree? Where do you see Jesus acting with calm control in your life right now?

Obedience Before Understanding

READ: Mark 11:2-3 AND Proverbs 3:5-6

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1) What do you think it felt like to be one of the two disciples hearing these instructions—especially the part about taking a colt that isn't theirs?
- 2) Why does Jesus sometimes give us a clear what without giving us the why up front? What does that expose in us?
- 3) What's a "fetch the donkey" assignment God has given you before, something small, odd, inconvenient, or faith-stretching that later proved meaningful?
- 4) Pastor G said, "Sometimes Jesus doesn't give you the why up front... Our job is to be obedient." How do you respond to that idea? What's encouraging about it, and what's hard about it?

When "The Lord Has Need" Meets "My Stuff"

READ: Mark 11:4-6 AND 1 Chronicles 29:14

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1) Why do you think the bystanders' question matters - "What are you doing?" What kinds of questions or pushback do believers still face when obeying Jesus?
- 2) What does it teach you that the disciples simply repeat Jesus' words, and that's enough? Where are we tempted to add, soften, or over-explain our obedience?
- 3) Pastor G emphasized that Jesus "borrows, not takes." How does that shape your view of surrendering time, possessions, money, plans, comfort?
- 4) Pastor G also said, "What's offered to Jesus is never lost, only repurposed and redeemed." Where have you seen that be true, or where do you want to believe it will be true?

Praise... Then Inspection

READ: Mark 11:7-11 AND Psalm 139:23-24

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1) The crowd offers coats and branches, a big visible honor. What are modern versions of "coats and branches" that can look like worship on the surface, but might still miss Jesus' deeper mission?
- 2) In the sermon, you highlighted how the crowd was right about who Jesus is, but not fully clear about how He would reign. Where do you think we still misunderstand Jesus' kingship today?

- 3) Mark 11:11 ends with Jesus looking around at everything—quiet, evaluative, deliberate. What do you think Jesus “sees” when He looks around the temple of our hearts?
- 4) Pastor G said, “Celebration doesn’t equal approval. Praise doesn’t guarantee purity.” How does that statement challenge you, personally, and as a church community?