

34- Presentation of the King

Mark 11:1-11

Most of our trip through Mark we have focused on Christ as the Servant, which is how Mark presents Him. Here He is presented to the Jewish nation as their Messiah. In fact I submit that He comes to Jerusalem to be presented as the King.

We know from the other gospels that the chief Priest and Pharisees were looking to get rid of Him. *John 11:47 Then gathered the chief priests and the Pharisees a council, and said, What do we? for this man doeth many miracles....53 Then from that day forth they took counsel together for to put him to death.*

This man Jesus, as He entered Jerusalem had a price on His head. They wanted to arrest Him and still He showed up in broad daylight. *John 11:57 Now both the chief priests and the Pharisees had given a commandment, that, if any man knew where he were, he should shew it, that they might take him.*

I- The Mission for the Donkey:

As they near Jerusalem this time He prepares to enter in a different way than He had before. *Mark 11:1 And when they came nigh to Jerusalem, unto Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount of Olives, he sendeth forth two of his disciples, 2 And saith unto them, Go your way into the village over against you: and as soon as ye be entered into it, ye shall find a colt tied, whereon never man sat; loose him, and bring him. 3 And if any man say unto you, Why do ye this? say ye that the Lord hath need of him; and straightway he will send him hither.*

They were to go into a village and bring back a colt. The donkey had never been ridden. *Mark 11:4 And they went their way, and found the colt tied by the door without in a place where two ways met; and they loose him. 5 And certain of them that stood there said unto them, What do ye, loosing the colt? 6 And they said unto them even as Jesus had commanded: and they let them go.*

They found the colt in a very public area at the crossroad within the town. They loosed him and just as Jesus had instructed they told when question that the Lord had need of it. Jesus had a foreknowledge of the event because this again showed Him, while in human flesh and fully human, as the omniscient (all-knowing, all seeing) God.

II- The Triumphant Entry:

Mark 11:7 And they brought the colt to Jesus, and cast their garments on him; and he sat upon him. 8 And many spread their garments in the way: and others cut down branches off the trees, and strowed them in the way. 9 And they that went before, and they that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna; Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: 10 Blessed be the kingdom of our father David, that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest. 11 And Jesus entered into Jerusalem, and into the temple: and when he had looked round about upon all things, and now the eventide was come, he went out unto Bethany with the twelve.

There were two groups of people who joined in the welcoming celebration. Those that followed behind Him, probably from Jericho and beyond, and those who were lining the streets as He approached were celebrating.

They were celebrating the coming of the Messiah. Unfortunately, he did not come as they expected. He did arrive just like the prophet Zechariah had foretold. Notice *Zechariah 9:9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.*

One thing that stands out in contrast to the other times is that He allowed the worship. In Luke's gospel we see that when He was told to silence the crowd He told them in *Luke 19:38-40 Saying, Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest. 39 And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, Master, rebuke thy disciples. 40 And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out.*

They cried out "Hosanna" which was a quote from *Psalms 118:25 Save now, I beseech thee, O LORD: O LORD, I beseech thee, send now prosperity.* Hosanna literally means "save now" or "save we pray".

He that cometh in the name of the Lord *Psalms 118:26 Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the LORD: we have blessed you out of the house of the LORD.*

III- Anticipated Coming:

The Messiah had come; the King had arrived to great fanfare. I wonder, has there been a time when Jesus came into your heart and life? Are you anticipating the coming of Messiah? Not the first coming but the second. If He has come in your life as Messiah through faith then we can live in anticipation of His coming. Listen to *1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.*

There were some who missed the first coming through unbelief. There will be many who miss the second for the same reason. Beloved I present to you the King of Kings and Lord of Lord, the one who was to come, the one who came and is coming again. I submit to you that the Servant is also the King.