

The King Comes In Yahweh's Name

Mark 11:1-10 - Leader's Guide

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Opening Prayer

Take a moment to pray, asking God to open your hearts and minds to understand His Word better.

Read Mark 11:1-10 together

Introduction

This passage describes Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem during the Passover season, marking the beginning of His final week before the crucifixion. Through His actions, Jesus makes powerful statements about His identity and authority.

Discussion Questions

I. Jesus Exercises Yahweh's Authority

1. What instructions did Jesus give to His disciples about obtaining the colt? Why is the phrase "The Lord has need of it" significant?

(Possible Answers: Jesus instructed them to go to the village, find a colt that had never been ridden, untie it, and bring it back. If questioned, they were to say, "The Lord has need of it." This phrase is significant because it demonstrates Jesus' divine authority—He claims ownership over all things as "the Lord" (Yahweh), not just as a teacher or prophet.)

2. The sermon mentions that the disciples played a "backstage" role in this event. In what ways has God called you to serve "backstage" in your life or church?

(Possible Answers: Examples might include prayer ministry, setup/cleanup, administrative tasks, caring for children, supporting missionaries, giving financially, mentoring others privately, cooking meals for those in need, or any service that doesn't receive public recognition but is essential for ministry.)

3. How does Jesus demonstrate His divine foreknowledge in verses 4-6? How does this impact our trust in Him today?

(Possible Answers: Jesus knew exactly where the colt would be, that it had never been ridden, that the owners would question the disciples, and that mentioning "the Lord needs it" would satisfy them. This demonstrates His omniscience. For us today, this reminds us that Jesus knows our future, understands our circumstances, and has divine control over situations, which should give us confidence to trust Him with our unknown futures.)

4. In what areas of your life do you find it most difficult to acknowledge Jesus' authority? What possessions or aspects of your life are you reluctant to place under His lordship?

(Possible Answers: Common areas might include finances/money, career decisions, relationships, time management, entertainment choices, plans for the future, certain habits or comforts, or areas of personal privacy that we prefer to keep from God's scrutiny.)

II. Jesus Receives Yahweh's Praise

5. The people spread their cloaks and branches as signs of victory. What kind of victory do you think they were expecting from Jesus? How was Jesus' actual victory different?

(Possible Answers: They were likely expecting political victory—Jesus overthrowing the Romans, establishing an earthly kingdom, bringing economic prosperity, and freeing them from foreign oppression. Jesus's actual victory was spiritual—conquering sin, death, and Satan through His sacrificial death and resurrection, bringing freedom from spiritual bondage rather than political freedom.)

6. The crowd quoted Psalm 118:26 and referred to "the coming kingdom of our father David." Why was this significant after 586 years without a Davidic king?

(Possible Answers: Since 586 BC when Jerusalem fell to Babylon, Israel had not had a king from David's line sitting on the throne. God had promised David that his dynasty would last forever (2 Samuel 7), so for 586 years this promise seemed unfulfilled. By recognizing Jesus as fulfilling this promise, they were acknowledging God's faithfulness despite the long wait and identifying Jesus as the promised Messiah from David's line.)

7. The word "Hosanna" means "save now, please." The people were crying out for salvation from Roman oppression, but Jesus came to save them from something else. What did they (and we) truly need salvation from?

(Possible Answers: They (and we) need salvation from sin—its guilt, shame, power, and eternal consequences. We need rescue from our own selfishness, pride, bitterness, lust, greed, and other sinful tendencies that destroy us spiritually. We need deliverance from God's righteous judgment and from separation from Him.)

8. How can we ensure that our understanding of who Jesus is and what He came to do is not distorted by our own expectations or desires?

(Possible Answers: We can safeguard against misunderstanding Jesus by: regularly studying Scripture in context, submitting our thoughts to the authority of God's Word, being part of a believing community that can correct our misunderstandings, being aware of our cultural biases, praying for spiritual discernment, and being willing to let go of our assumptions when Scripture challenges them.)

Application

9. In what specific ways is Jesus calling you to submit to His authority in your daily life right now?

(Possible Answers: This will vary by individual, but might include obeying clear biblical commands, fulfilling responsibilities in current roles (parent, spouse, employee, etc.), responding to conviction about a specific sin, following through on a commitment, or stepping out in faith in a particular area.)

10. What anxieties about the future do you need to entrust to Jesus this week?

(Possible Answers: Common anxieties include financial concerns, health issues, relationship problems, job security, children's futures, major decisions, aging parents, global uncertainties, or fears about personal inadequacies.)

11. How can we participate in Jesus' ongoing mission in our families, workplaces, and communities?

(Possible Answers: We can participate through intentional discipleship of family members, integrity and witness at work, serving those in need in our communities, sharing the gospel when opportunities arise, using our resources for kingdom purposes, praying for others, or supporting missionaries and ministry efforts.)

12. What promises of God are you finding difficult to believe? How can Jesus' faithfulness encourage you to trust God's promises?

(Possible Answers: People might struggle with promises about God's love, provision, presence in suffering, forgiveness, power to change, or ultimate justice. Jesus' fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies and His faithfulness throughout Scripture demonstrates God's trustworthiness, encouraging us to believe His promises even when circumstances make them seem unlikely.)

13. From what specific sins or struggles do you need Jesus to save you today? Take a moment to silently pray "Hosanna" about these areas.

(Possible Answers: This is a personal reflection question, but common struggles include pride, anxiety, anger, bitterness,

addictive behaviors, idolatry of good things, people-pleasing, self-righteousness, doubt, fear, or spiritual apathy. Allow time for silent prayer.)

Closing Prayer

Close your time together by thanking God for sending Jesus as our victorious King, promised King, and Savior King, and ask for His help to submit to His authority in all areas of your life.