

Mark Part 23 - "The King is Here" (9-28-25)

Main Text: Mark 11:1-11 (parallels: Matthew 21:1-11, Luke 19:28-44, John 12:12-19)

Mark 11:1-11 (ESV)

[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.

Context: Triumphal Entry

1) The Unridden Colt of a Donkey

Prophecy fulfilled (Many Prophecies fulfilled at Jesus coming & crucifixion, including 70 weeks of Daniel 9)

Zechariah 9:9 (ESV)

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.

Note: Jesus is fulfilling a 500 yr old prophecy

In the ancient Mid-East kings rode Donkeys when coming in Peace, and Horses when riding to war

1 Kings 1:33-34 (ESV)

[33] And the king said to them, "Take with you the servants of your lord and have Solomon my son ride on my own mule, and bring him down to Gihon. [34] And let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet there anoint him king over Israel. Then blow the trumpet and say, 'Long live King Solomon!'

Note: Like Solomon's coronation, Jesus comes first on a donkey, as he comes to make a way for peace. But he will return in power to deal with his enemies and set things right . . .

Revelation 19:11-13 (ESV)

[11] Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. [12] His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. [13] He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God.

The unridden colt - Do we recognize our king?

Mark 11:2 (ESV)

(Jesus) 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.

Note: The unridden colt yields to the King. (Example of a Donkey seeing the supernatural - Balaam's Donkey)

2) The King and The Lamb

Mark 11:8-10 (ESV)

[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!”

Note: They are taking up some lines from Psalm 118, celebrating Jesus arrival, and crying out for salvation!

Psalm 118:25-26 (ESV)

[25] Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success! [26] Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD.

This Day is significant - it's a jewish feast day, kicking off Passover Week . . .

Palm Sunday fell on the 10th of Nisan - Shabbat HaGadol

*Passover (including the sacrifice and meal) begins on the evening of the 14th day of the month

(Note: Last Supper was on Thursday night)

According to Exodus 12:1-11 - The Passover lamb was selected on the 10th of Nisan . . .

From Exodus 12:1-11 (ESV)

[3] Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. . . [5] Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats . . . [8] They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it.

Note: Whether they fully realized it or not, the people did select their Passover Lamb on Palm Sunday as He road into Jerusalem. Remember their words at his entry that they quoted from Psalm 118 . . .

*Take note of the full content of Psalm 118

Psalm 118:21-29 (ESV)

[21] I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. [22] The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. [23] This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. [24] This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. [25] Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success! [26] Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD. [27] The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar! [28] You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you. [29] Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

Conclusion: Like the Donkey, can we see Jesus for who He really is? The King who comes to bring peace, as the Sacrificial Lamb who was slain for us. May we too, like the donkey, carry King Jesus to those in need of the peace that only He can bring.