



*‘Now!’ Sermon Series*

Sermon #41

*‘Here Comes the King!’*

*Mark 11:1-11*

Wednesday, February 19th, 2025

*This Past Sunday in NOW Sermon Series:*

- This past Sunday, Pastor Steve did a great job of preaching from Mark 10:46-52.
- As we looked at Blind Bartimaeus.
  - *Pastor Steve pointed out the Blind, the Beggar and the Blessed from Sunday’s text.*

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**Sermon in a Sentence:**

*Here comes King Jesus in His triumphal entry into the city of Jerusalem. In this text we see that Jesus is in control, He is counter-cultural, and He is coming back.*

**Intro:**

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**Question to Ask:**

*What specifically does the arrival of King Jesus into Jerusalem show us about His status as King?*

**Truth #1: *His Control.* (vv. 1-7)**

- It’s important to note that Jesus came through Bethany and Bethphage and entered the city from the Mount of Olives, which is east of Jerusalem.
  - The elevation at 1 point of the route that Jesus would have taken into Jerusalem is 2,600 feet. Which gives you an incredible view of the Holy City.
  - *Many would look at the city and, having known what was ahead, turn right back around. But even in this, Christ had control, that He was going to complete His mission that would set us free!*
  - **The mount of olives was significant that Christ was riding in from that direction due to what had happened in Israel’s *past* at the mount of olives.**
    - The mount of Olives is less than a mile directly east of Jerusalem and is known for its many olive trees.

- On this mount, King David left Jerusalem to escape being captured by Absalom. 2nd Samuel 15:30-32
  - On this mount, King Solomon grieved God almighty by placing idols on it for his foreign wives to then worship. 1st Kings 11:1-10.
  - Ezekiel witnessed the Glory of God on the mount of olives. Ezekiel 11:23.
    - **Our King Jesus entered the Mount of Olives. Fully in Control. Far greater than anyone or event that had ever occurred there.**
- *There are three things to point out*
- **Control of the Colt. (V. 2, 4, 7)**
  - A colt is a male donkey that is 4 years of age or younger. And it would take several years usually for a donkey to be trained in order to sit on long enough to then ride.
  - That's why Mark gave us such detail in verse 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.” Mark 11:2**
- Jesus had control of the colt as He had planned every detail within this situation. It was all in His control.
- It is not just because Jesus is in control that Mark lets us know the Donkey hadn't been ridden, but I believe it's also theological.
  - **The ark of the covenant had to have an unyoked carrier that was pulling it.**
    - “Now then, take and prepare a new cart and two milk cows on which there has never come a yoke, and yoke the cows to the cart, but take their calves home, away from them.” 1st Samuel 6:7
    - “This is the statute of the law that the Lord has commanded: Tell the people of Israel to bring you a red heifer without defect, in which there is no blemish, and on which a yoke has never come.” Numbers 19:2
- In the same way, the true covenant, Christ the Lord, required an animal that had not been ridden before. Very significant.
- **Jesus is entering the city as Israel's Messiah and the Messiah of the world, the fact He was on a donkey shows it was fit for a King, but also fulfilled this messianic prophecy.**



**Truth #2: *He is Counter-Cultural.* (vv. 8-10)**

- The term Jesus was a “Rebel” was not popular when it first was introduced, but the more and more we think about the life Jesus lived, He was most definitely a rebel.
  - One who without a doubt was counter-cultural, going against the ways of the mainstream.
  - **The entry of Jesus into Jerusalem follows this same counter-cultural persona that Jesus truly embodied.**
- ***Our King’s Conquest was spiritual, not militarial.* (vv. 8-9)**
  - ‘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!’
  - The city of Jerusalem and the Jews that were greeting Jesus as He came in were shouting “Hosanna” which means “**Save now!**”
    - This phrase that they were shouting comes from the Messianic Psalm found in Psalm 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.”**

**Psalms 118:25-26**

- Jesus, as Sovereign Lord, knew they were quoting a messianic Psalm, but He allowed them to continue because He was openly affirming His Kingship! The time had come!
  - **In the fulfilling of Zechariah 9:9 Jesus was now declaring Himself as Israel’s King and Messiah and He was now challenging the Jewish leaders.**
- When welcoming a King, it was normal for people to lay their garments on the road and have palm leaf branches to welcome His coming.
  - “Then in haste every man of them took his garment and put it under him on the bare[a]steps, and they blew the trumpet and proclaimed, “Jehu is king.” 2nd Kings 9:13
  - **Even in this, Jesus was counter Cultural.**
    - **They were right in their flaim from the Psalm that Jesus was the King and He was going to**

save them, but they were expecting the typical.

- The Jews were expecting a monarch to come in and establish a temporary empire and 'free' them from the Roman rule that they were heavily under.
  - They are missing the same counter-cultural fact that many Christians today miss. Jesus was entering to purge the human heart of Sin and save us from ourselves.
  - Not to purge the nation of foreign domination like the Jews wanted Him to do.
    - They were having the human mindset and forgetting that Jesus is counter-cultural.
    - Jesus was looking to take the human

heart, not military prowess.

- *Our King's Conquest was Humble, yet Prophetic and Profound. (v. 10)*
  - 'Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!'
  - Fulfilling the prophecies of old is exactly what Christ was doing.
  - Though, He was not doing it the way that the Jews wanted and thought that He would.
    - They are desiring and wanting what the human eye can see.
      - Temporal, political and military savior.
      - In fact, the Passover was to celebrate the deliverance out of Egypt and they were wanting Jesus to deliver them from Rome.
  - One perspective on the entry of Jesus that is interesting to look at, would be to look at it from the Roman's point of view.
    - The Romans were experts at the parading and public event side of things.
    - This event in Mark 11:1-11 is a triumphant entry, but to the Roman perspective it would not have been as triumphant to them, but they didn't truly understand the kindred of His Kingship.

- The romans would hold something called a “Roman Triumph”
  - **At this triumph a Roman general would come to Rome after having been in battle and would ride in a golden chariot and then go to the arena where people they had captured would have to fight wild beasts.**
  - **In order for a Roman general to receive a “triumph” in his honor, he would have to kill 5,000 enemy soldiers.**
  - **What many didn’t understand, is that Christ would capture 5,000 Jewish hearts and transform their lives through His blood.**
    - **“But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.” Acts 4:4**
- **Christ had a triumph far greater than anyone's Roman triumph. Or any military victory for that matter.**
  - He Triumphed over death, sin, hell and the Grave!!!! To God be the Glory! The

battle belongs to our King, who thanks be to God, was and is counter-cultural!

**Truth #3: *He is Coming Back. (v. 11)***

- **The same place that Christ entered, then ascended back to the right hand of the Father is the same place that He will return in His Second coming to earth!**
  - Although the passage of Scripture that we have studied today doesn’t explicitly talk about the Lord’s 2nd coming, it talks more about his triumphal entry into Jerusalem during His 1st coming.
- **Because when we look at the Character and Kindred of our King, I must remind you Church that just as the OT prophecies said He would come the 1st time, the NT prophecies say that He is coming back.**
  - “Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail<sup>[a]</sup> on account of him. Even so. Amen.” Revelation 1:7
  - “For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. **17** Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.” 1st Thessalonians 4:16-17

- **Church, I want you to know that He is coming again.**

<b>1st Coming</b>	<b>2nd Coming</b>
He came to Die.	He will come to Reign.
He came on a Colt (Donkey).	He will come on a Warrior Horse.
He came as a Humble Servant.	He will come as an Exalted King.
He came to Save.	He will come to Judge.
He came with 12 disciples.	He will come with an Army of Angels.
He was given a Crown of Thorns.	He will receive a Crown of Glory.

- Oh, the King is coming.
  - Do you know Him? Do you have a relationship with Him?
  - **Just as Christ Jesus made His triumphal entry into Jerusalem, has he made the entry into your heart as Personal Lord and Savior?**