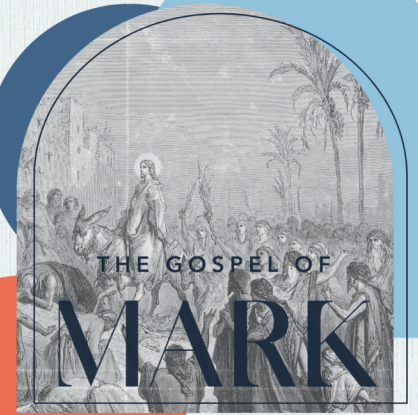


February 4, 2024

JESUS, THE KING

Pastor Cameron Contrestano // Mark 11:1-11



PREPARE YOUR HEART & MIND

Begin this time in prayer, confessing any sins you can recall, thanking the Lord for the gift of His Word, and asking for His Spirit to guide you in your time.



As they approached Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples, 2 and said to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, on which no one yet has ever sat; untie it and bring it here. 3 If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' you say, 'The Lord has need of it'; and immediately he will send it back here." 4 They went away and found a colt tied at the door, outside in the street; and they untied it. 5 Some of the bystanders were saying to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" 6 They spoke to them just as Jesus had told them, and they gave them permission. 7 They brought the colt to Jesus and put their coats on it; and He sat on it. 8 And many spread their coats in the road, and others spread leafy branches which they had cut from the fields. 9 Those who went in front 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 Jesus entered Jerusalem and came into the temple; and after looking around at everything, He left for Bethany with the twelve, since it was already late.



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- Why does Jesus enter Jerusalem on a colt? What is its significance? See Zechariah 9:9; Isaiah 62:11.

- How can we cultivate a similar readiness to obey and serve Jesus, even when we may not fully understand his commands? Consider the response of the two disciples to Jesus' seemingly unusual request. See also Proverbs 3:5-6.

02. The people spread their cloaks and branches on the road as Jesus entered Jerusalem on the colt. Along the way, they shouted out for deliverance and praise. Jesus entered Jerusalem and departed shortly after visiting the temple (v. 8-11).

- Who do the people believe Jesus to be, and what do they want and expect from him? See 2 Kings 9:12-13; 2 Samuel 7:16-17; Psalm 118:25-26.

GROW IN THE WORD

- What do you want and expect from Jesus in your current season of life?

- How can you ensure that your understanding and/or expectations of Jesus align with the truth revealed in Scripture?

UPCOMING EVENTS

MEN'S SUMMIT RETREAT

February 23 - 25 | Camp Eagle

This year's Summit is about activating our faith despite the things that hinder us and taking the next best small step. Join us to hear encouraging testimonies and biblical teachings that will challenge you to activate your faith. Learn more and register online!

FLOURISH: PRAYER+PRAISE+TESTIMONY

March 5 | 7-9 pm | Fellowship Hall

Ladies, you won't want to miss this evening focused on the theme "Redeemed" in worship songs, time of prayer, and hearing from several women in the ministry with their stories. We'll even have times of fellowship to connect with one another. Bring a friend and register online!

GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Pray to begin your group time. Remind the group why you are meeting: to connect in meaningful relationships, to grow spiritually, and to engage in the life and work of the church together. Reflect on the values you want to share as a group (i.e. confidentiality, authenticity, grace).

CONNECT (30-40 MIN)

You can use these suggestions to foster connection and build community in your group. You can break your group into smaller parts if needed, pick a question to discuss, and let each member get to know one another.

- Spend a few minutes catching up with one another. Share highs and lows from the previous week.
- Ask the second question in the Connect section of the passage guide and give each person a chance to respond.

GROW (30-40 MIN)

Gather back as a big group if you broke up earlier and have one person pray over your time discussing God's word. As you discuss, don't worry if there are questions left unanswered or unresolved. Reach out to ministry leaders or pastors for any needed clarification.

- Select 2-3 questions from each section. Pick questions that stand out to you, or that you believe would be most helpful for your group.
- Read any cross-references together and discuss.

ENGAGE (30-40 MIN)

Reflect on the biblical truth God revealed to you this week and discuss a plan of action to apply what you have learned. Gather in smaller groups of 2-4 again. Discuss your plan of action and pray for one another.

- Discuss ways you want to apply the passage to life. Refer back to the discussion related to the last two questions of each section.
- Close group time by sharing prayer requests and praying for one another.