

THE GOSPEL of

MARK

Here Comes Your King

Gospel of Mark

- written by John Mark
- accounts from Peter inspired with intention

3 Big Chunks

Galilee – encountering Jesus, who is this?

Jerusalem – disciples struggling to understand

Journey to Jerusalem – how Jesus will fulfill the role of Messiah King

- Mark is cryptic, big picture with carefully chosen stories and details introducing you to Gospel

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Mark 11:1-11

“Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples 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. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.’” And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. And some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields.

And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!" 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."

See Also.....

- Matthew 21
- Luke 19
- John 12

1. The Event

- the Passover week – huge anticipation & travel
- Bethany – home of Lazarus & Mary
 - John 11 – 12
 - John 11:53 “So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.”
- Blind Bart – ‘Jesus Son of David have mercy on me’
- John tells us – people watching for Jesus

a) Get me a ride

- sent to get a colt of a donkey (Matt. 21)
- unbroken – not a ride the Romans would put leader on
- referred back to time of David – rode as humble king

b) Crazy details

- you will find it tied up there
- take it
- if challenged say – ‘the Lord has need of it...’
- sure enough – asked what are you doing, let go

c) The Parade

- cloaks a very useful item
- spread on the dirty road, sign of honor and royalty
- cut leafy branches – spread them on the road
- going ahead of and behind shouting causing a scene
- impossible to miss, interrupting and public
- if you were watching for Jesus – here he comes

2. The Details

a) The Prophecy

- hundreds of years before, you will know your King is among you, the Lord is at hand, sign to you
- Zech. 9:9 “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.”
- visible evidence – Jesus proclaiming I am your coming King
- known by all – visible entrance

b) The Proclamation

- what they are shouting is significant *“Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!”*
- Hosanna – literally ‘save us’ (psalm 118:25)
- became an expression of ‘Salvation has come – God has delivered, and the kingdom is here
- proclaimed Jesus as the King coming to save
- Jesus allowing public and visible adoration and worship as the one promised arriving

c) Procession to Temple

- vs 11 included for a reason
- destination of the King – the temple
- see his actions there next week



3. The Implications

a) Catalyst for Confrontation

- Romans – Caesar alone deserves title (respond to threats)
- Religious Leaders – blasphemy – serious consequences
- Public defiance – received the praise

- details in Luke 19:37ff *“the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”*”

b) Significance grows after all is revealed

- looking back – this will bring faith and significance
- John 12:16-19 “His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign.”
- the implications of this moment would grow

c) New Intensity and Shift for this Week

- turns his face to Jerusalem, knowing what is coming
- weeps for those praising – don't understand what is happening
- one third of gospels written about this week
- week filled with instilling critical lessons to disciples
- fuse is lit so to speak – here we go

So What?

1. Amazing Reminder

- God is active and at work accomplishing His will and work in world
- does not forget his promises
- keeps his word – can count on prophecies and promises.

2. Be People of Praise and Proclamation

- even when you don't see the whole picture
- right to respond to God with praise and proclaiming who He is and how He is acting on our behalf

3. Responding to Jesus can be a Catalyst for Conflict

- enemy – seeking to destroy and devour
- people – who don't understand or agree – opposition & ridicule
- don't be surprised at opposition and anger when you respond
 - obedient when it makes no sense
 - offering your sacrifice or things, time, praise
 - visible in your support and adoration of the king

4. Allow God to continue to Reveal and give Significance to events

- Holy Spirit reveals – see differently looking back