

SERMON NOTES

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Text: Mark 11:1-11

Title: King of the Jews

Big Idea: Disciples of Jesus recognize Him as King and worship Him with their lives.



I. JESUS IS IN CONTROL (vv. 1-6)

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.’” (vv. 1-3)

Jesus is still with them and He has a plan and He is in control! ← This leads to the OBEDIENCE and TRUST of the disciples.

Recognize Jesus as King. Know that He is powerful. Know that He is in control.

II. JESUS IS KING (vv. 7-11)

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!” (vv. 9-10)

Jesus riding any animal into town was actually a sign of Him WANTING TO BE NOTICED!

This was INTENTIONAL & DELIBERATE.

Old Testament allusions:

- Genesis 49:10-11
- 1 Kings 1:38-40
- 2 Kings 9:13
- Zechariah 9:9-10

Jesus, a descendant of Judah and David, uses these traditions to REVEAL His identity! AND the shouts of the crowd in turn show their recognition of Jesus' identity!

III. CONCLUSION: THE KING AND YOU

“Jesus openly presents himself as King, but a different kind of king—one who enters on a donkey, not a warhorse or a chariot. It’s a fitting entry for one whose crown is made of thorns and whose throne is a cross.” – Dave Griffith-Jones

Jesus is the King we can trust and follow with confidence. Who will you worship?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

To be used for personal reflection and/or sermon-based small group discussion.

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READ Mark 11:1-11

What does Jesus' instruction to His disciples about finding the colt (vv. 1-6) reveal about His authority and knowledge? How does Jesus' entry on a donkey instead of a war horse reflect His mission and character? In what ways do people today misunderstand Jesus' kingship, just as the crowd did?

Why do you think the crowd welcomed Jesus the way they did, laying down their cloaks and branches and shouting "Hosanna"? What were they expecting from Him?

Read Psalm 118:20-27. How was this chant appropriate for Jesus' entry into Jerusalem? How does this psalm show that this King was to suffer?

How do you personally welcome Jesus as King in your daily life? What areas of your life need to be more fully surrendered to Him? The people joyfully honored Jesus as King. How can we worship and honor Him with that same enthusiasm in our daily lives?

What does this passage teach us about trusting Jesus' plan, even when it doesn't meet our expectations?

Jesus openly presents himself as King, but a different kind of king. In what ways is this a King we can trust and follow with confidence?

If Jesus were to ride into our city today, how would you respond? What might He be calling you to do?

PRAY