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The King in Person, Position, and Purpose

Mark 11:1-19; Zech. 9:9; Is. 56:7

The Gospel of Mark (*review*)

- Mark 9-16: Jesus' Mission and Example
 - (1) He told His disciples what awaits Him in Jerusalem
 - (2) There is confusion about what the Messiah will do
 - (3) He is entering what we now call "The Passion Week"
 - Last supper, betrayal/arrest, trials
 - Scourging, crucifixion, resurrection)

Mark 11:1-6 “*lowly and riding on a donkey*”

- (1) Mules were preferred transport for David and his sons
 - 2 Sa. 18:9; 1 Ki. 1:33
- (2) Unridden = set aside for religious occasion
 - Nu 19:2; Deut. 21:3
- (3) Zech. 9:9
 - Jesus is **FINALLY** allowing the crowds to know He is the long-awaited Messiah!

Mark 11:7-10 “*Hosanna!*”

- (1) Ps. 118:25-26 provides OT backdrop
 - Hosanna = “save Now!”
- (2) The Crowd Misunderstands Jesus’ coming Kingdom
 - They had their sights set too LOW!
- (3) On Crowds/Events/Social Enthusiasm
 - Jesus is after those who will follow Him all the way to the cross and death to self.

Mark 11:11-14 “*He looked around at everything*”

(1) Bethphage = “house of figs”

(2) Is Jesus just ‘hangry’??

- No! It is not the absence of figs, but the showy pretense of maturity with nothing substantive behind it!

(3) The fig tree is visible illustration of Jesus disappointment with Israel as a whole (Hos. 9:10; Je. 8:13)

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(4) A quick Gospel ‘field-trip’...

- Luke 19:41-44
- Matt. 23:37
 - Jesus’ heart is for His people to repent and be reconciled to the Father.
 - He will sit in judgment and find some guilty, but it brings Him no pleasure to do so.

Mark 11:15-19 “*Jesus entered the Temple...*”

(1) As the fig tree, so the Temple is revealed wanting

(2) Is. 56:7; Jer. 7:11

- Lesser point: taking advantage of foreigners is an affront to God’s heart for the Gentiles
- Greater point: The days of the sacrificial system are over. There will be NO MORE :
 - Religion masquerading as righteousness
 - Insufficient sacrifices. The final One is Here!

1. Are you like the crowd, loving the energetic social event, but lacking personal devotion and discipline?
2. Where do you outwardly 'look' or 'pretend to be' mature, while inwardly lacking depth and development?
3. If you have never bent your knee to Jesus as Lord, King and God, you *Cannot Remain Undecided* About His reception of worship! Reject Him or Praise Him!