

What Are You Looking At?

First Baptist Church and The Lakefront Church - Venice, Florida

One Church - Two Locations

March 29, 2026

Mark 11:1-21 (CSB) *When they approached Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany near the Mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples² and told them, "Go into the village ahead of you. As soon as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, 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 needs it and will send it back here right away."⁴ So they went and found a colt outside in the street, tied by a door. They untied it,⁵ and some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?"⁶ They answered them just as Jesus had said; so they let them go.⁷ They brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes on it, and He sat on it.⁸ Many people spread their clothes on the road, and others spread leafy branches cut from the fields.⁹ Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted: 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 heaven!¹¹ He went into Jerusalem and into the temple. After looking around at everything, since it was already late, He went out to Bethany with the Twelve.¹² The next day when they went out from Bethany, He was hungry.¹³ Seeing in the distance a fig tree with leaves, He went to find out if there was anything on it. When He came to it, He found nothing but leaves; for it was not the season for figs.¹⁴ He said to it, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again!" And His disciples heard it.¹⁵ They came to Jerusalem, and He went into the temple and began to throw out those buying and selling. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the chairs of those selling doves,¹⁶ and would not permit anyone to carry goods through the temple.¹⁷ He was teaching them: "Is it not written, My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations? But you have made it a den of thieves!"¹⁸ The chief priests and the scribes heard it and started looking for a way to kill Him. For they were afraid of Him, because the whole crowd was astonished by His teaching.¹⁹ Whenever evening came, they would go out of the city.²⁰ Early in the morning, as they were passing by, they saw the fig tree withered from the roots up.²¹ Then Peter remembered and said to Him, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree that you cursed has withered."*

Bethphage

An unridden colt

threw their clothes on it, people spread their clothes

spread leafy branches

Hosanna

a fig tree with leaves, no fruit, withered

the money changers, selling doves

Three entries into Jerusalem on Nissan 10, Palm Sunday

1. Jesus

2. The Lamb

3. Pilate

Revelation 5:1- (CSB) *Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides, sealed with seven seals. ² I also saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" ³ But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or even to look in it. ⁴ I wept and wept because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or even to look in it. ⁵ Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Look, the Lion from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered so that he is able to open the scroll and its seven seals." ... ⁹ And they sang a new song with these words: "You are worthy to take the scroll and break its seals and open it. For you were slaughtered, and your blood has ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. ¹⁰ And you have caused them to become a Kingdom of priests for our God. And they will reign on the earth."*