

ENTER THE SERVANT KING *(Mark 11:1-11)*

Contrary to the common pomp and circumstance of earthly kings, Jesus rode to His coronation humbly on a donkey. This passage is about both Jesus' entry and His reception. The King of Kings is still in the entering business – He desires to enter your life. The important question for us is, "Will we receive Him?"

I. JESUS DELIBERATELY CHOOSES TO ENTER YOUR LIFE (vv. 1-6)

1. Jesus knew exactly what He was doing and where it fit in God's timetable.
 - All of this was God's perfect timing.
 - The very timing of His entrance to Jerusalem was divinely calculated in Daniel 9:24-26.
 - Jesus died exactly at the time all of the other Passover lambs were being killed—but He was the one true sacrifice for our sins.
 - Jesus sent two disciples into Bethpage (somewhere he hadn't been) to get a donkey.
2. From the beginning of our text, we see Jesus was carefully ordering every event.
 - From eternity past, these events had been planned.
 - Jesus was not the victim of the wheel of history. He drove the wheel of human history.
3. Jesus deliberately chooses to enter your life.
 - He calculates getting your attention.
 - To be like Jesus, we must choose to enter peoples' lives.

II. JESUS BRINGS PEACE WHEN HE ENTERS (v. 7)

1. Jesus chose to ride a donkey into the city.
 - Why a donkey? Because Jesus was the Messiah.
 - Jesus is also revealing His humble character. There's no army behind Him, no conquered kings in chains.
2. Jesus came humbly and peacefully, unlike the Caesars, Alexanders, Napoleons, and Hitlers.
3. When you let Jesus come in, He brings peace!

III. JESUS MUST BE ALLOWED TO ENTER (vv. 8-11)

1. As Jesus made His way down the road, a huge entourage joined Him.
2. Throwing their coats down symbolized their submission to Him.
 - They were singing from the Psalms regarding the coming King.
 - They saw Jesus as their deliverer. He was, but not in the way they wanted.
 - They refused to see Him as the suffering savior that Isaiah 53 declared (see Isaiah 53:1-11).
3. When Jesus was just outside the city, Luke says He wept openly.
 - That's the heart of the Servant King!
 - Jesus weeps for those who reject Him. He loves us that much.

Jesus deliberately chose to enter Jerusalem to fulfill God's plan for our salvation. Jesus chooses to enter your life. We can become an even more dynamic Gospel-centered church if we will choose to enter people's lives. Be like Jesus!