



## Sermon Notes

**Text: Mark 11:1-11; Ephesians 3:20**

**Introduction: Prophecies about the Messiah**

**The Davidic King: 2 Samuel 7:12-13**

When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

**The Son of Man: Psalm 2:8-12**

“Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel. Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.”

**The Everlasting Kingdom: Daniel 2:44**

“And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever”

**Jesus’ “Royal Entry” into Jerusalem: Mark 11:1-11**

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Jesus choose this moment to make a very bold move. He demonstrates his kingship by making a royal entry into Jerusalem. People will often tell you that Jesus was being very humble riding on a donkey’s colt. But in actuality, it was common for a king during peace time to ride on a colt. It was during war time and victory that the King would ride the picturesque white horse. The conquering king rode the horse, the king reigning in peace and love rode the colt.

**Ephesians 3:20** tells us; “Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, according to the power at work within us.”

- Israel wanted a conquering king that would overthrow nations, Jesus conquered sin and death.
- Israel wanted a conquering king that would set up his reign here on earth, Jesus sets his kingdom up in the hearts of men and women. He is not bound by geography or political powers.
- Israel wanted justice on their oppressors, Jesus ushered in an age of grace. He has come on a colt, but he will return on a white horse to bring justice and wrath (Rev. 19:11-16).

*THIS* changes everything.

### 1. This Changes Our Perspective

Jesus is deeply concerned with the temporary, but he is far more concerned with the eternal. The work that he is doing in you as a person during difficult times will be far greater than you could ever imagine.

### 2. This Changes Our Purpose

When Jesus came into Jerusalem on that colt he changed our purpose. Jesus came to save the world, because he is loving, but he is going to return one day and enact justice because perfection requires justice. Now is the time that Jesus has given us to share the gospel. Not tomorrow, but now. Our purpose should not be personal comfort but bringing as many people as we can to paradise with us.

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Jesus' purpose was to "Seek and save the lost" ours is to "seek and serve the lost".

### 3. This Changes Our Dreams

Sometimes our dreams fail because they are our dreams. They are dreams that seem to be God focused, but they are things that God has never asked us to do. But if you align yourself with His will, he is able to do abundantly more than you can ask think or even imagine.

## Life Group Discussion

1. What was one thought or point that you took away from the message this past Sunday?
  2. Read the parallel passages of Jesus' royal entry (Matthew 21:1-11; Luke 19:28-44; John 12:12-19) and compare and contrast them to Marks account (Mark 11:1-11).
    - What similarities do you see? Differences?
    - Is there a verse or idea that stands out to you?
    - How does Jesus demonstrate his "Messiahship"?
    - What can we learn from Jesus' royal entry?
  3. God doesn't always do things the way we want or expect him to. Why do you think that is?
  4. Have you ever had an experience were you felt "let down" by God? Take some time to share your stories and the lesson(s) you learned or are learning as a result.
5. Read Ephesians 3:14-21.
    - What stands out to you in this text?
    - How does it apply to our discussion?
    - What does this mean for you in your life?
  6. Pray together:
    - a) Pray that God would change our perspective, purpose and dreams to be in line with His.
    - b) Pray for opportunities to share the Gospel
    - c) Pray for those struggling and losing hope to be filled with hope
    - d) Pray for God to give us His dreams for our church and for our lives
    - e) Other requests:
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