

A Study of Mark – Lesson 32

Mark 11:1-11 Walking Into Jerusalem – Palm Sunday

11 ¹ As they approached Jerusalem / and came to Bethphage and Bethany / at the Mount of Olives, / Jesus sent two of his disciples, / ² saying to them, / “Go to the village ahead of you, / and just as you enter it, / you will find a colt tied there, / which no one has ever ridden. / Untie it / and bring it here. / ³ If anyone asks you, / ‘Why are you doing this?’ / say, / ‘The Lord needs it / and will send it back here shortly.’”

⁴ They went and found a colt / outside in the street, / tied at a doorway. / As they untied it, / ⁵ some people standing there asked, / “What are you doing, / untying that colt?” /

⁶ They answered / as Jesus had told them to, / and the people let them go. / ⁷ When they brought the colt to Jesus / and threw their cloaks over it, / he sat on it. / ⁸ Many people



spread their cloaks on the road, / while others spread branches / they had cut in the fields. / ⁹ Those who went ahead /and those who followed shouted, /

“Hosanna!”

“Blessed is he who comes / in the name of the Lord!”

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¹⁰ “Blessed is the coming kingdom / of our father David!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹¹ Jesus entered Jerusalem / and went into the temple courts. / He looked around at everything, / but since it was already late, / he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.



Vocabulary

- 1. Ride, rode, ridden.**
- 2. Cloak:** The outer coat.
- 3. Branches:** The part of a tree growing from the trunk. Local unit in an organization.
- 4. Hosanna:** A shout of praise

Questions

1. What do we think today of the donkey or ass or jackass?
In the time of Jesus?
2. Jesus came into the town openly and with “Hosanna” being shouted. Why didn’t he come in secret since his life was in danger?
3. What kind of hero or king or messiah did the people think Jesus was?
4. Why do Christian churches decorate their buildings with palm branches on the Sunday before Easter Sunday?
5. Why do you think Jesus still had the 12 disciples with him when they all knew it was dangerous for them?
6. Why do you think Jesus went into the Temple even when it was very late?

Notes:

1. The travels of Jesus throughout Galilee and Judea:
 - This was the last stage of the Journey of Jesus
 - He had gone from Caesarea Philippi in the far north
 - Spent some time in Galilee
 - Went to the hill country of Judea
 - And to the regions beyond the Jordan River
2. The ministry of Jesus lasted 3 years. He had been to Jerusalem to the feasts as part of his regular worship (We know this from

the book of John). He knew people in Jerusalem and the surrounding area. His dear friends lived in Bethany, the area just outside of Jerusalem.

3. Jesus did not leave things for the last moment. He had “code words” for the man who would give him the donkey (ass). What was the code?
4. A King went to war on a horse, but rode in the triumphal procession on an ass as a sign of peace.



Road from Jericho to Jerusalem. This old road is still a dangerous one.