A Study of Mark - Lesson 32

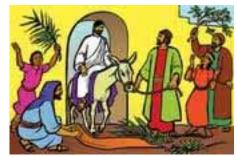
Mark 11:1-11 Walking Into Jerusalem – Palm Sunday

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, /

[&]quot;Hosanna!"

[&]quot;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.