

Thy King Cometh...

Mark 11:1-10; Luke 19:39-40

March 29, 2015

I. The Background

➤ Oppression

➤ Prophecy

➤ Revolution

➤ Hype

II. Fulfilling the Prophecy (Mk. 11:1-7)

III. Uncorking the Hype (Mk. 11:8-10)

IV. Braving the Oppression...and Starting a Revolution (Lk. 19:39-40)

Message-Based Discussion Questions:

I. What have been your experiences with Palm Sunday in the past?

II. In the triumphal entry, Jesus determines to ride into Jerusalem...on a young donkey. Does this line up with the image you had in your mind about Jesus? Why or why not?

III. Read the prophecy about the coming Messiah found in Zechariah 9:9-10. If you were telling someone else about this passage, which parts of it would you want to emphasize (e.g. what do you think are the most important points)?

IV. In what way(s) does Jesus fulfill the prophecy in Zechariah 9:9-10?

V. It has often been said that the crowds who cheered Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday were the same crowds that shouted, “Crucify him!” a week later before Pilate. While this is difficult to prove from Scripture, it’s clear that the joyful masses certainly didn’t come to His final defense. Why do you think that was, especially after they were so excited by His arrival?

VI. The Pharisees tell Jesus to rebuke his disciples’ adoration of Him, but He refuses. When have you been intimidated to quiet your praise to God or your witness to His work in your life? How did you handle it?

VII. Jesus is our kingly messiah and our suffering messiah. Throughout history, however, many have wrestled with accepting His dual roles. In fact, Paul says that they’re a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles (1 Cor 1:23). In what ways do Christians sometimes struggle with the same thing, perhaps even wanting to follow one portrayal of Christ but not the other? How has this been true for you?