



Mark 11:1-11 He's Here!

Baruch haba b'shem Adonai

- A. The Setting: Mount of Olives [11:1a]
- B. The Command [11:1b-6]
- C. The Celebration [11:7-10]
- D. The Epilogue [11:11]

Daily living by faith in Christ is what makes the difference . . . between the defeated and the victorious *believer*." - A. W. Pink

Study Questions:

Read Mark 11:1-11 and answer the questions below:

- [1] What does Jesus' humility in this passage teach us about leadership and kingship?
- [2] How can we respond to Jesus like the crowd did—with worship and recognition of His kingship?
- [3] Are there areas in your life where you're welcoming Jesus outwardly but not letting Him transform you inwardly, like the people in Jerusalem later would?
- [4] How can we prepare our hearts for Jesus' "entry" into our lives or situations today?
- [5] Pray for God to focus your heart this week on the journey of Jesus to the Cross, His Burial, and Resurrection [as you read through the rest of Mark this week], and through this journey, you fall more in love with Jesus every day.

[Mark 11:1a] Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, [Matthew 21:1-9, Luke 19:29-:38, John 12:12-15, Zechariah 9:9] to Bethphage and Bethany [Matthew 21:17, Luke 24:50, John 11:18], at the Mount of Olives, . . . [Zechariah 14:4, Matthew 24:3, 26:30, John 8:1, Acts 1:11]

[Mark 11:1b-6] Jesus sent two of his disciples ² and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. [Luke 23:53] Untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴ And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. ⁵ And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶ And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go.

[Mark 11:7-10] And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. ⁸ And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. ⁹ And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! [Psalm 118:25 - Hebrew - Save now!] [Save now!] Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! [Baruch haba b'shem Adonai] [Matthew 22:39, Cited from Psalm 118:26] ¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"

[Zechariah 9:9] "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

[Mark 11:11] And Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple. [Matthew 21:10] And when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve. [Mark 11:19, Matthew 21:17]

"THROUGH PETER'S EYES"

THIS WEEK'S READING CHALLENGE [GOSPEL OF MARK]

Read Mark 11-16: Answer the questions each day in the Passion Week Reading Journey [on the back]

Through Peter's Eyes: Passion Week Reading Journey

Monday: Read Mark 11:12-19 [two significant events]

- [1] What kind of “fruit” is Jesus looking for in our lives today? Are we producing it?
- [2] How can religious activity sometimes get in the way of genuine worship or prayer?
- [3] How can we ensure our worship is authentic and aligned with God's heart?

Tuesday: Read Mark 11:20 – 13:37 [major teachings and events]

- [1] See Mark 11:20-26. How does this passage challenge your personal faith and prayer life?
Is there anyone you need to forgive so that your prayers may be unhindered?
- [2] See Mark 11:27-33. Are there times when we question Jesus' authority in our own lives?
How can we be honest about our motivations when we ask spiritual questions?
- [3] See Mark 12:1-12. How are we responding to God's "messengers" in our lives?
- [4] See Mark 12:13-44. How can we love God and others more deeply?
In what ways might we be giving out of abundance rather than sacrifice?
- [5] See Mark 13:1-37. How can we live faithfully in uncertain times without falling into fear or speculation?
What does it mean to "keep watch" in your own spiritual life?

Wednesday: Read Mark 14:1-11 [plotting, betrayal, and a beautiful act of devotion]

- [1] What does this passage teach us about devotion and worship? How does the woman's act challenge or inspire you personally?
- [2] Have you ever felt criticized for expressing your faith or doing something “extravagant” for Jesus? How does this passage speak to that?

Thursday: Read Mark 14:12-72 [Last Supper, Gethsemane, betrayal, arrest, and Peter's denial]

- [1] See Mark 14:27-52. Have you ever felt like the disciples—wanting to stay faithful but failing in a moment of weakness? What does this passage say to that experience?
What can we learn from Jesus' example of prayer and surrender in times of crisis?
- [2] See Mark 14:66-72. Have you ever denied your faith in subtle or overt ways, like Peter?
What led to that moment, and how did you respond afterward?
What hope do we find in Peter's story, especially considering what happens later in the gospel?

Friday: Read Mark 15 [trial before Pilate, Jesus' crucifixion, death, and burial]

- [1] See Mark 15:21-41. What do Jesus' final words, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” mean in context? How might the tearing of the curtain impact your understanding of access to God?
- [2] See Mark 15:42-47. Are there moments in your life when you've had to take bold steps for your faith, like Joseph of Arimathea?

Saturday: No Reading

Resurrection Sunday: Read Mark 16 [powerful chapter about hope, fear, belief, and mission]

- [1] See Mark 16:1-8. How do you respond when God does something unexpected—especially something hopeful?
- [2] See Mark 16:9-14. When have you struggled to believe something about God—or His promises?
How does Jesus' response to doubting disciples encourage you in your own faith journey?
- [3] See Mark 16:15-20. What does it look like for you to “go into all the world and preach the gospel”?
How has God equipped or empowered you to be part of His mission today?
Are there any fears or doubts holding you back from stepping into your calling?