

Discussion Questions: The Great Reveal Unexpected King – Mark 11:1-10

Drawn from the March 23, 2025 sermon by Dr. Jeff Chandler

Opener: What is the closest you have come to meeting a world leader or celebrity?

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!” ¹⁰ “Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!” “Hosanna in the highest heaven!” Mark 11:1-10

This passage references two Old Testament Scriptures:

Psalm 118:25-26

Lord, save us! Lord, grant us success! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you.

Zechariah 9:9

Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey.

1. Why do you think there is so much detail given about finding the colt? What does it say about the role of the disciples in Jesus' triumphal entry?

2. How did the manner in which Jesus entered Jerusalem confirm the characteristics described in Zechariah 9:9?

3. What did the people indicate about their own view of and response to Jesus by laying down their coats and waving palms or branches along His path?

4. "Hosanna" means "Save us Now". What did this communicate about the crowd's expectations of Jesus?

5. How were the people's hopes for the Messiah different from Jesus' true intentions?

6. When have your expectations about God been different from the way he has revealed Himself to you?

Group Prayer time: Pray for one another, asking for the humility and selflessness to trust that Jesus will act in his perfect timing and purposes, triumphantly entering into our needs, desires, and weaknesses in better ways than we could ever ask or imagine as we faithfully acknowledge him as King.

For reflection in the group or on your own

If you had been a Jew living in Jerusalem at the time of Jesus, what would have made you reject and oppose Jesus?

What expectations do we place on Christ today?

What can we do this week to publicly acknowledge Jesus as King—both individually and corporately at our church? How will this define the way we speak and act as followers of Jesus?

Next week, April 30, pastor Jeff will speak on the topic “The Ruling King” covering Mark 11:27-32 There will be discussion questions available at www.sequimcommunitychurch.org/downloads