

“Hosanna!”

Mark 11:1-11

Four Strange Things

1 – A king riding into Jerusalem –

- That’s not normal – A true king had not come into Jerusalem for 500 years.
(Herod was not accepted as a true king.)

2 – A king riding a donkey –

- No white stallions available?
-There’s something about a donkey that is very un-kingly!

3 – A king riding a donkey that is unbroken –

- All the gospel writers (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) record the “Triumphal Entry” –
-Only Mark and Luke give the detail that the colt had never been ridden.
-It is not natural for an untamed and unbroken animal to be ridden.

4 – People shouting “Hosanna” on Sunday and “Crucify Him” on Friday –

- How does that happen?!

God’s Purpose in this Account

What does God want you to see, believe, and do based on this “Triumphal Entry”?

1 – God wants you to worship Jesus –

- Because of the authority of His deity – And the humility of His humanity.

-His authority –

- The authority of Jesus, as God, pops off the page –
-He gives the instructions and those instructions are followed.
-Someone is in charge – and that is Jesus!

-His authority is seen in –

- One – The disciple’s obedience.
- Two – Nature’s obedience.
- Three – The donkey’s owners obey.
- Four – The adoration of the people.

-Luke 19:36-40

-Clearly, one response God wants to illicit in us is the worship of Jesus because we see in this His authority as God.

-His humility –

- Throughout all the life and ministry of Jesus, we have seen the tension –
-God – Man –

-A donkey is a “beast of burden” –

-A donkey is –

-More like a manger than a throne.

-More like no place to lay His head than a palace.

-More like a cross than a crown.

-The Old Testament prophecy speaks of Jesus riding into Jerusalem “humble and mounted on a donkey” to depict a peaceful rather than warlike entry –

-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.”

-This goes back even further –

-Genesis 49:8-11

-Jesus came into the city to bear the burden of sin – But why did He come in this way?

-To fulfill prophecy –

-Even the Pharisees play their part in God’s plan!

2 – God wants you to believe and receive Jesus –

-There’s something more fundamental than worship –

-Their exuberance was not in sync with the plan of God.

-Verses 9 and 10 gives us insight into their hearts –

-vs. 9 – “And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, ‘Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!’”

-They could see his garments washed in the blood of the Romans!

-They could see this great miracle worker establishing the throne of David in David’s city –

-Their plans were coming together!

-But God’s plan, from the foundations of the world, were for His Son to come and die by shedding His blood as the atoning sacrifice for sins –

-The Lord’s plan is the saving of a people first –

-Then redeeming the earth and making all things new in His second coming.

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