: week 11: A different kind of king - mark 11:1-10

Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King

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!"

: personal study sheet

DIRECTIONS: Use the questions below to spend time in Scripture, dig deeper into the weekly sermon message, and to worship and pray. Each day, begin with prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to help you learn and apply what you read. Then, read **Mark 11:1-10** and answer the day's questions.

DAY 1: FOCUS ON PEOPLE AND THEIR NATURAL, WORLDLY TENDENCIES

- Have you ever experienced doubts about Jesus' identity? How did you navigate those doubts? How did this week's Scripture passages & sermon message help to affirm your beliefs in Jesus as your King? What factors might influence someone's decision to recognize Jesus as their King?
- What kind of king did the people want? What kind of king does the world today want or expect Jesus to be?
- Discuss the various responses to Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. How do their reactions reflect different understandings of Jesus' identity and mission?
 - a. The people cried out, "Hosanna!", which means "save us!" What did they need to be saved from? What do people want relief from today? What is happening in your life that you need Jesus to save you from? How does Jesus exceed those expectations?
 - b. How did the religious and political authorities react? What motivations might have led them to feel threatened by Jesus?
- Reflect on the story shared about the man who decided to attend church after experiencing kindness from a Christian. How does our behavior as followers of Jesus impact others' perceptions of him? What do others see in YOUR life?

DAY 2: FOCUS ON GOD, JESUS, HIS PLAN, AND EXAMPLE

- How does Jesus' entry into Jerusalem challenge what people typically think about kings and power? How is his gentle and humble approach different from what we usually see in the world and/or leadership?
- Reflect on the parallels between Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and the Passover lamb selection. How does this help us understand Jesus' role as a sacrifice better?
- Discuss how Jesus being our rightful King affects us and what it means for our beliefs and actions. How does acknowledging Jesus as our King influence the way we live?

• DAY 3: APPLICATION

- Reflect on your own response to Jesus as King. How does the story of his entry into Jerusalem challenge you to reevaluate your relationship with him?
- In what ways can we imitate Jesus' love and humility in our lives today, particularly in our interactions with others?
- The Bible is filled with different ways to worship the Lord: singing songs, giving, listening to songs, confession of sin, serving, and praising God's name are just a few. What is your favorite way to worship? How can you be more intentional to worship your King this week?

• DAY 4: WORSHIP AND PRAYER

Read **Psalm 100** in a time of worship and to pray.