

TITLE AND NUMBER: 177. A King like no other



REFERENCE AND KEY VERSE(S): Mark 11:4-11

They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, some people standing there asked, 'What are you doing, untying that colt?' They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, 'Hosanna!' 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!' Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

LOOKING FURTHER: Mark 11:1-11; Zechariah 9:9-13; 1 Corinthians 9:25-27

What does this Bible passage tell us?

This passage is not just an account of Jesus' final journey to Jerusalem, where He would face death on the cross despite being innocent of any crime. It is also a fulfilment of several prophecies (Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:25-26) and an image of His service on earth.

Although Jesus was welcomed as a victorious King, He was riding a donkey and not a war horse or chariot as an earthly king would do. This is an example of Jesus's humility, and it is a lesson for everyone that follows Him. Even when everyone around thinks we are 'great' and 'doing well,' we must be aware that we are just an instrument - the clay and not the potter.

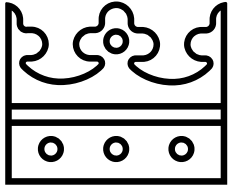
Upon His entry into Jerusalem, Jesus went directly to the temple. This is another instructive moment in His earthly life - true worship of God. In our lives, devotion and worship of God should take first place. In a world filled with distractions, having the right priorities will help us succeed in our faith journey. It is easy to fall into a trap of chasing shadows. Just like the apostle Paul, every believer must choose to avoid aimlessness in our journey in life (1 Cor 9:25-27).

Finally, many of those shouting 'Hosanna!' were expecting Jesus to lead a political revolution. Instead, He was offering spiritual freedom that leads to eternal life with God. He is a King like no other! What is your view of Jesus?

Reflections:

- Reflect on your own expectations of Jesus and how they align with the points above (humility and devotion to God).
- What is the one thing you can do in 2024 that will strengthen your Christian journey?
- Read 1 Corinthians 9:25-27. What are the most important things to you?

Write or draw something you read in this Bible Study that stood out to you.



Do you have any questions about this week's Bible Study?



How does this week's message apply to your life?



What can we learn about God from this week's passage?



What would you like to ask God this week?



Has God responded to your prayers this week in the way you had hoped for? It's okay to talk to God about this.

