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DAILY BIBLE STUDIES

“The Triumphal Entry”

Mark 11:1-11

MARCH 25 – MARCH 31, 2007

THE LORD'S DAY –This week as we approach “Palm Sunday” & “Resurrection Sunday” we are going to break away again from our study of **1 Peter**. For this lesson we want to look at what has come to be known as “*The Triumphal Entry*” of our Lord Jesus. This is the time that Jesus Christ rode a donkey into Jerusalem days before His crucifixion. We want to glean several truths from this text that we can both learn from and also apply to our lives today. Read our text in **Mark 11:1-11**.

What principles in these verses are applicable to your life today?

Suggestion for prayer: Ask God to help you to place your eyes and ears on Jesus and to meditate on Him as He teaches us from His Word.

MONDAY –There are so many things in this text that we in no way could begin to exhaust it, so I want to just go over some things that I see here and Lord willing we will elaborate in more detail this coming Lord’s Day. The gospel writers all write their accounts of the same events with their own unique style. God the Holy Spirit used different men, who like us explain things in a different way and yet the truths of Scripture are consistent and 100% accurate as they are “breathed” out by God (**2 Timothy 3:16**). Mark’s Gospel emphasizes Jesus as being the “Servant”. In his account of “The Triumphal Entry” we find Mark displays the Servant Jesus Christ as the “King” and yet in keeping with his style of writing portrays and emphasizes the humble nature of Christ. Read **Mark 10:42-45**.

What principles in these verses are applicable to your life today?

Suggestion for prayer: God, help us to see from Scripture the humble servant Jesus Christ and follow His perfect example.

TUESDAY –In the opening verses of our text we find Mark describing the scene for us. In **verses 1-3** we see Jesus gives His disciples a command to

Lord's Day	Praise & Prayer	ADORATION Hallowed be Your name. (6:9)	AUTHORITY Your Kingdom come... (6:10)	APPEAL Give us this day... (6:11)	AQUITTAL Forgive us our debts... (6:12)	ASSISTANCE Deliver us from evil. (6:13a)	ADMIRATION For Yours is the Kingdom... (6:13)
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go and bring a colt to Him that will be waiting in the village. Here we see Christ assume “royal authority”. Notice in **verse 3** Jesus tells the disciples to say, “*The Lord has need of it...*” This is an incredible statement which gives us another example of a paradox in Scripture. It seems strange that the “Lord of All” says He has “*need*”. Here we see that His “royal authority” is placed side by side with an acknowledgment of poverty. This little sentence puts into a blessed paradox both authority and dependence evidenced in the life of Jesus Christ upon the earth as both 100% God & 100% man. Read these wonderful verses that express this. **Psalm 24:1-2, 50:10-12, 2 Corinthians 8:9.**

What principles in these verses are applicable to your life today?

Suggestion for prayer: *Thank you Jesus that You are 100% God and that You humbled yourself to become a man and were obedient even to death!*

WEDNESDAY –In **verses 4-6** we read of the obedience of the disciples in following Christ’s command. They “*went their way...*” and found things just as Christ had told them. We could go in several directions here and speak again of Christ’s sovereign control; also of the great privilege the earthly “owner” of the colt must have felt the remainder of his days. But the point I want us to see is that obedience to Christ is always rewarded. Christ is a debtor to no man. As Alexander Maclaren has said, “Anything given to Him comes back again”. Obedience to Jesus and possessions given to Him will according to Christ be recompensed both in this life and the life to come. Read **Proverbs 10:22, Luke 18:28-30.**

What principles in these verses are applicable to your life today?

Suggestion for prayer: *Praise God today that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him and obey Him (**Hebrews 11:6**). Ask Him to help you every day to give freely of all that you have and are to Him for His glory.*

THURSDAY –As Mark continues in **verses 7-10** he details the “ride” of The King of Kings Jesus Christ. Here we are given a picture of our Lord as He rides a donkey toward Jerusalem. In stark contrast to the pictures of “earthly Kings” who parade about with extravagant and even intimidating processions we are here shown the humility and gentleness of the true and only real King of Kings. Many old paintings reflect the processions of Kings arrayed in splendor, riding their chariots with great fanfare; but here placed along side those scenes from history is Jesus Christ entering the scene on a donkey. Yes, Jesus will one day return with power and great glory but here He is humbly and gently entering the city offering salvation to those who would believe.

Read **Zechariah 9:9, 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10.**

What principles in these verses are applicable to my life today?

Suggestion for prayer: *Thank God for such a Savior as King Jesus. Ask Him to help you see His true glory and to give Him your life and your all.*

FRIDAY –To elaborate on yesterdays thoughts I want to give you a quote from Alexander Maclaren that summarizes the point of our Savior and His love as He wept over those who would be doomed for their unbelief. “*That is our King; a pauper King, a meek and patient King, a King that delights in the reverent love of hearts, a King whose armies have no swords, a King whose eyes fill with tears as He thinks of men’s woes and cries. Blessed be such a King*”. Truly Jesus Christ, the King of Kings called men to repentance out of true genuine love. His triumphal entry so portrays His love for men. If you are a believer I pray your heart is moved by the love of our Savior for the lost souls of men. Read of our Saviors love and invitation to men in **Matthew 11:27-30, Luke 19:41-44.**

What principles in these verses are applicable to your life today?

Suggestion for prayer: *Dear Jesus, please help us to have Your love for those who are lost in sin and may we be faithful to preach Your gospel.*

SATURDAY –Lastly this week we turn to the last verse of our text, **Mark 11:11**. In this verse we find Jesus enters the temple and notice His piercing observation as it says, “*...He looked around at all things...*” Christ does not only love but His love is rooted in His justice and holiness. Therefore He will judge men according to His righteous standard. Nothing can or will be hidden from Him. May we obey and behave in such a way that we have nothing to be ashamed of at the final judgment. Understand today that His inspection of our lives is just, true, and righteous. Read these verses which speak of our King and the final day of reckoning: **Psalm 45:3-7, Revelation 1:13-18.**

What principles in these verses are applicable to your life today?

Suggestion for prayer: *We praise You our Holy Triune God. May we live faithful to You and Your Word. Thank You Jesus for taking our punishment as believers on Yourself at the cross!*