

Title: Jesus, Save Us!

Passage: Mark 11:1-11

Sermon Summary:

Jesus enters Jerusalem on the colt of a donkey to fulfill the OT prophecies regarding the way the forthcoming Messiah would make His appearance and entry into Jerusalem. The crowds of people were gathered together for the feast of the Passover, and welcomed Jesus by throwing their garments and palm branches on the path before Him, and by shouting: "Hosanna! (which means "Save us!")..."Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" The people were looking and longing for a temporal, political and military Savior, while Jesus was bringing what ONLY He can bring: A perfect, complete, and eternal salvation of body and soul!

EXPOSITION

Overview

Attributes of Jesus

I. The King who is in control over all things (v.1-4)

II. Humble king (v.5-7)

III. Only King who can save (v.8-11)

I. The King who is in control over all things (v.1-4)

Mark 11:1-4

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it.

Context:

On way to Jerusalem, goes to Bethany where raised Lazarus from the dead (see John 11)

Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it.

Colt

- previously used by others (ex: Saul's coronation)
- Why Jesus' choice? Fulfillment of prophecy
- Points to how Jesus is a descendant of David

Zechariah 9:9-11 (500 years earlier)

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.

I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the
earth.

on which no one has ever sat.

- animals not previously used are special

1 Samuel 6:7

Now then, take and prepare a new cart and two milk cows on which there has never come a yoke, and yoke the
cows to the cart, but take their calves home, away from them.

colt tied

Genesis 49:11

Binding his foal to the vine and his donkey's colt to the choice vine, he has washed his garments in wine and his
vesture in the blood of grapes.

II. Jesus is the Humble king (v.5-7)

Mark 11:4-7

And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. And some of those
standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" And they told them what Jesus had said, and
they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it.

Zechariah 9:9 (OT prophecy)

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.

- OT prophecy = Messiah was humble

John 12:13

So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in
the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!"

- palm branches = sign of peace
- Jesus coming in humility and peace

Key Points:

- As Messiah, Jesus could have come on a horse but instead came on a donkey
- Jesus comes in humility and simplicity

- Contrast:
 - Jesus came by invitation (not conquering)
 - Jesus came in peace (not war or destruction)
 - Jesus came in humility (not in pompous circumstance)

III. Jesus is the only King who can save (v.8-11)

Mark 11:8-11

And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. 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!"

And he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple. And when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

People chanting

- Hosanna (meaning = "save us")
- Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Jesus alone can save

John 1:12

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,

John 3:16

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

1 Timothy 2:5

For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,

Sin is real; the penalty is death/eternal judgment

Romans 3:23

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hebrews 9:27

And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment,

2 Thessalonians 1:8-9

in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might,

Poem: "We've All Been Exposed"

We've all been exposed.

*Not necessarily to the virus
(maybe...who even knows).*

We've all been exposed BY the virus.

Corona is exposing us.

Exposing our weak sides.

Exposing our dark sides.

*Exposing what normally lays far beneath the surface of our souls,
hidden by the invisible masks we wear.*

Now exposed by the paper masks we can't hide far enough behind.

Corona is exposing our addiction to comfort.

Our obsession with control.

Our compulsion to hoard.

Our protection of self.

Corona is peeling back our layers.

Tearing down our walls.

Revealing our illusions.

Leveling our best-laid plans.

Corona is exposing the gods we worship:

Our health

Our hurry

Our sense of security.

Our favorite lies

Our secret lusts

Our misplaced trust.

Corona is calling everything into question:

What is the church without a building?

What is my worth without an income?

How do we plan without certainty?

How do we love despite risk?

Corona is exposing me.

My mindless numbing

My endless scrolling

My careless words

My fragile nerves.

We've all been exposed.

Our junk laid bare.

Our fears made known.

The band-aid torn.

The masquerade done.

So what now? What's left?

Clean hands

Clear eyes

Tender hearts.

What Corona reveals, God can heal.

Come Lord Jesus.

Have mercy on us.

<https://www.cmalliance.org/news/2020/03/25/weve-all-been-exposed/>