

On Palm Sunday, Jesus Came to Be Our King, Judge, and Savior!

Scriptures: Mark 11:1-23; Text Mark 11:24-25

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Contexts:

I. Jesus is the King

The crowd treated Jesus' approach as a triumphal entry and shouted slogans thinking that Jesus would restore the power and glory of the Davidic kingdom: "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!" when they chanted. Even though they were right in that Jesus came as a king, their expectation was simply a monarch who would establish a worldly empire. They presumed that Jesus was entering to purge Jerusalem of foreign dominion, and he would set the ancient glories of Israel. The disciples were still hoping for a glorious earthly kingdom; they hoped to reign with Messiah on their thrones. It did not happen just the way they expected. As opposed to their expectation, Jesus' mission was one of peace and salvation. He alone knew that this peace and salvation would come only through his suffering and death. The world gets saved through weakness, not through strength. Only in this way is evil undone from the inside out.

Jesus appeared in the city as he had foretold three times, to suffer and die, and he was not there to set up the rival kingdom to Caesar. But Jesus came as a King. He was crowned with thorns, enthroned on a cross, and hailed as the chief of the fools. His triumphal entry was different from the one envisioned by the crowd. Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem will be more powerful than the ancient Davidic monarchy and more far-reaching than the narrow border of Israel and even the ruling of the then Roman empire.

II. Jesus Comes to us as the Judge and Savior.

In the Old Testament, trees are often used as symbols and are portrayed as sensitive to their moral surroundings. Jesus judged the Fig Tree v. 12-13. The fig tree had no fruits because it was not in season. Jesus curses it. It is the only destructive miracle that Jesus performed. The fig tree represented Israel, God's people. The temple was the central institution of Israel's religious, political, and economic life. The withering of the fig tree to its very root within a day points to God's judgment on this fruitless temple. God desires fruit, but he finds none. Jesus shares the words from Isaiah 56:7 and Jer. 7:11 in Mark 12:17. Jesus taught them, "Is it not written: 'My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations? But you have made it a den of robbers.'"

Israelites took only place in the temple the gentiles could go and pray, and they turned it into a marketplace for themselves and their comfort and convenience. Jesus had been taking this place during his ministry. He announced forgiveness, healed the sick, and restored many people to society. He replaced the money changers' tables, where worshippers had to pay for atonement. Jesus came as our Savior because He instituted the Lord's Table, where he announced that the free offering of his life provides forgiveness of sins. The pouring out of his blood would replace the system of animal sacrifice for atonement in the temple once and for all. Jesus foretold three times that he would suffer and die. He alone knew that salvation would come only through his suffering and death. His death is where humankind is reconciled to God.

Outlines

I. **Introduction** - How strong is your faith?

Story of a teenager – Clarence – He suffered from malformed knee joints. It had left him with swelling and terrible pain. How did he receive his healing?

_____ teenagers formed a circle around Clarence and began to _____.

Today Clarence can not only see ____ but he can ____ also.

II. On Palm Sunday, Jesus Comes to be Our King

A. Jesus rides into Jerusalem, v. 2

This is the only time that the Bible records Jesus traveling _____ by any way other method than on foot.

B. Jesus shows his absolute sovereignty (Omniscience & Omnipotence), v. 2-3

The Lord sent his two disciples to _____ a colt.

C. Jesus clears the temple, v. 15-16

Hosanna means 'to save, rescue, _____,' 'to help,' or 'Save, I _____' Refer: Psalm 118:25

III. On Palm Sunday, Jesus Comes to be Our Judge

A. Jesus judges the fig tree, v. 12-14

B. What does the fig tree represent? The people of _____

C. Jesus Judges the Temple, v. 17

Why did Jesus judge the temple? Because it was _____

IV. On Palm Sunday, Jesus Comes to be Our Savior

A. Jesus stops the animal sacrifice, v. 15-16

Jesus overturned the tables of _____ and benches of those selling _____.

Jesus said, "Is it not written my house will be called a house of _____ for _____?"

B. The Good News

Salvation came into the world when the true _____ put himself in the place of the rebellious servants and took the punishment.

C. Jesus is our King

Jesus is the only one who _____ over us without _____ us.

V. Conclusion

- Don't be afraid of the Lordship of Christ
- Have faith in God; Come to Him today

Questions:

- What are the most important things we need to do when we pray? See Mark 11: 24-25
- "Believe that you have _____ it, and it will be yours."
- "When you stand in praying, if you hold anything against anyone, _____ them, so that your Father in heaven may _____ you your sins."