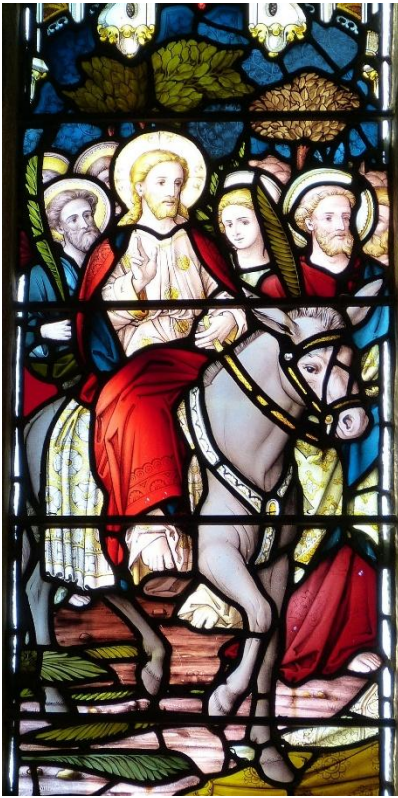


Easter Series: The Last Week of Jesus. Day 1 The King Comes to His People

Mark 11:1-11



Mark 11:1-11 And as they approached Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples, 2 and said to them, “Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, on which no one yet has ever sat; untie it and bring it here. 3 And if anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ you say, ‘The Lord has need of it’; and immediately he will send it back here.” 4 And they went away and found a colt tied at the door, outside in the street; and they untied it. 5 And some of the bystanders were saying to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” 6 And they spoke to them just as Jesus had told them, and they gave them permission. 7 And they brought the colt to Jesus and put their garments on it; and He sat on it. 8 And many

spread their garments in the road, and others spread leafy branches, having cut them from the fields. 9 And those who went in front and those who followed were shouting: “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!” 11 And Jesus entered Jerusalem and came into the temple; and after looking around at everything, He left for Bethany with the twelve, since it was already late.

1) The Coming King Brings Fulfillment. As Jesus prepares to enter Jerusalem, he sends forth his instructions. God had already declared the way in which His King would come to His people. For everyone to know

that Jesus is the King foretold He must fulfill all that has been written about Him. Though Jesus came once before, in the end, the people did not receive Him as their King. Because of this, Jesus will come again. When Jesus returns, all that remains to be fulfilled in God’s word will come to pass. The rejection of Jesus in His first coming did not put an end to what has been foretold, it only postponed the things to come.

2) The Coming King Produces Trustworthiness. After Jesus tells His disciples what to do, they learn that through their obedience to His words they could trust them as true. Everything Jesus said would happen is exactly what occurred. Faithfulness to the King will always show that His words are trustworthy. There is nothing that the Jesus speaks that is not the truth and worthy of our trust. Obedience to Jesus’s words in our lives builds our faith and trust in Him because the more we obey Him the more we realize His words will bring about the right end in our lives.

3) The Coming King Desires Allegiance. As Jesus enters Jerusalem it is among the people’s rejoicing that their King has come. This is the picture of a people who are pledging their wholehearted allegiance to their King. Jesus is received as the One foretold and this causes those in the crowd to declare God’s word from their hearts. Though this picture will not last long, it is a sign of the things to come. When Jesus returns, He will be looking for all of humanity to declare their allegiance to Him. The time to receive Jesus as King is not when He returns. Rather, the time to receive Jesus as king is today. Because, when Jesus returns, He will already know who is in His kingdom and who will be cast out from His presence. He has come the first time on a colt in all humility, but He will come again on a stallion in power and glory to take possession of all that belongs to Him.