

Cross references and additional connections: Look these up!

- ❑ *Parallel Accounts*
 - ❑ *John 12:12-15, Luke 19:29-40, Matthew 21:1-11*
- ❑ *Colt of a donkey*
 - ❑ *Zechariah 9:9*
- ❑ *Jehu's Entry (Jehu means: YHWH is he)*
 - ❑ *2 Kings 9:13*

Questions for reflection:

- ❖ Why did Jesus enter Jerusalem riding on a donkey instead of a horse, like he will in Revelation 19:11?
- ❖ What were the people doing by shouting, "Hosanna, Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord?"
- ❖ Are there areas of your life that you feel like you might be missing the big picture?
- ❖ What are some ways you can see what has done and is doing more clearly?

Looking Forward: Mark 11:11-26

Gospel of Mark

Responding to the Messiah



Mark 11:1-11

Triumphal Entry

Looking Back: Mark 10:46-52

List some ways we have seen Jesus' humility so far in Mark:

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Loving God with your actions

- ❑ People in this chapter showed respect to Jesus by laying out a path of honor for him. In what ways do you show Jesus the honor and respect he deserves? In what new ways can you?
- ❑ Jesus entering Jerusalem as king was a very profound thing, yet he did it in such a humble way. Are there times in your life where you are parading your own “glory” around for something that is much less important than the rightful king entering the promised land? Make a list of the ways you find you are glorifying yourself and write ways you can counter your selfish habits.
- ❑ There are many times in the Old Testament where the coming of the Messiah is foretold. While we can not know when the second coming of Jesus will be, it is good to look forward to it. Read Psalm 110 and reflect on why you should be looking towards the second coming.

Loving God with your heart

- ❑ Read through Isaiah 52 and Psalm 118
 - ❑ Reflect on the excitement, joy and hope of these passages. The king has returned and David’s line is restored!
 - ❑ Now read through Isaiah 53. Reflect on how the people changed their attitude about Jesus in just a few days, because he didn’t operate how they wanted or expected.
- ❑ Take some time to journal this week about a few different ways that God works that are difficult for you to understand or in ways you didn’t want.

- ❑ Meditate on how we can come to a deeper knowledge of God, and more profound love of him when we submit and worship him for operating out of our own terms.

Loving God with your mind

- Take some time to think about what Jesus was about to walk into. He was willing to make the ultimate sacrifice and die for us so that we can be saved. How does remembering that renew our minds?
- Jesus was coming to Jerusalem as the King, but not how the Jews were thinking. They thought he would be the conqueror of the Romans. Are there areas where you are limiting Jesus’ authority in your life?
- How you would like to think more accurately about Jesus?

Want to look deeper?

- Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem is one of only a few times in Mark where everyone around Jesus responds correctly. They are praising Him, though they don’t fully understand what is about to take place.
- Donkey/horse riding: a king riding a horse is preparing for battle; a king on a donkey communicates peace. Jesus here brings peace, but later will come on a war horse for destruction. See Revelation 19:11-21.
- East/West symbolism: we’ve mentioned this previously, moving east is always a bad thing. Now Jesus is moving West, working to undo all evil and to fulfill scripture. See study guide for Mark 10:46-52.
- Read Titus 2:11-14. While we rejoice in his first coming and all that he accomplished then, for us we hold hope for his second coming, called the Eschaton, where all things will be made new and all evil undone forever. Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!