

## DISAPPOINTED WITH DELIVERANCE

*Does Jesus Delight in Your Response to His Deliverance?*

Covenant Presbyterian Church

**MARK 11:1-11**

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### **Mark 11:1a Who is this Jesus who now comes into Jerusalem?**

1 As they approached Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives,...

Zechariah 4:4 *In that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives*

Jerram Barrs, *Learning Evangelism from Jesus*, pp. 15-16:

“What are some of the convictions that we hold about Jesus? All Christians acknowledge that he is the Creator of all things who upholds this universe by the Word of his power. He is the one who all through history has revealed his glory through the unwritten words of creation. He is the eternal Word bringing light to those who dwell in darkness. He is the mighty God who was born as a human baby that he might become our Savior. He is the great High Priest who prays for the forgiveness of his enemies. He is the one who died for unbelievers and who rose again to justify them before God. He is the one who will come again to reign with all those who put their hope in him.”

### **Mark 11:1b-7 No sermon is biblical unless it puts both text and hearer in context: God the Creator and King is now redeeming and restoring his Kingdom.**

- 1 ..., 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 “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 They went away and found a colt tied at the door, outside in the street; and they untied it.
- 5 Some of the bystanders were saying to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?”
- 6 They spoke to them just as Jesus had told *them*, and they gave them permission.
- 7 They brought the colt to Jesus and put their coats on it; and He sat on it.

Note the focus on the temple in chapters 11-13.

Note the weight given to Jesus’ Passion in the four renderings of the Gospel: 29 of 89 chapters are given to it.

The amount of attention given to the colt (6 of 11 verses) points us to a foundational Old Testament prophecy:

**Gen 49:8-11** <sup>8</sup> "Judah, your brothers shall praise you; Your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; **Your father's sons shall bow** down to you. <sup>9</sup> "Judah is a lion's whelp; From the prey, my son, you have gone up. He couches, he lies down as a lion, **And as a lion, who dares rouse him up?** <sup>10</sup> "The **scepter** shall not depart from Judah, Nor the **ruler's staff** from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes, **And to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.** <sup>11</sup> "He ties *his* foal to the vine, And his donkey's colt to the choice vine; He washes his garments in wine, And his robes in the blood of grapes.

See also:

**Zec 9:9-10** <sup>9</sup> Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout *in triumph*, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; He is just and endowed with salvation, Humble, and mounted on a donkey, Even on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>10</sup> I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim And the horse from Jerusalem; And the bow of war will be cut off. And He will speak peace to the nations; And His dominion will be from sea to sea, And from the River to the ends of the earth.

### **Mark 11:8-10 The Jerusalem crowd wanted to be delivered but didn't believe they needed to repent and be redeemed.**

8 And many spread their coats in the road, and others *spread* leafy branches which they had cut from the fields.

9 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!”

**2Ki 9:13** <sup>13</sup> Then they hurried and each man took his garment and placed it under him on the bare steps, and blew the trumpet, saying, "Jehu is king!"

**Psalms of Ascent: Psa 118:25-26** <sup>25</sup> O LORD, do save, we beseech You; O LORD, we beseech You, do send prosperity!  
<sup>26</sup> Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD; We have blessed you from the house of the LORD.

**ESV Study Bible 11:9 Hosanna** (Hb. "Save!" or "Please save!"; see [Ps. 118:25](#)). Here "Hosanna" points to the celebration of Jesus as a political, Davidic messiah (cf. [2 Sam. 7:14](#); [Isa. 9:1-21](#); [11:1-16](#); [Jer. 23:1-8](#)). **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord** is from [Ps. 118:25-26](#), a prayer of blessing for the coming messianic kingdom (but see also notes on [Matt. 23:39](#); [Luke 13:35](#)). The Triumphal Entry takes place at the beginning of Passover week, which recalls the Jewish people's liberation from Egyptian slavery (see notes on [Mark 14:17](#); [John 2:13](#)); the pilgrims now anticipate the messianic liberation from Rome's oppression.

**Disappointment Luke 24:19-21** <sup>19</sup> And He said to them, "What things?" And they said to Him, "The things about Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word in the sight of God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to the sentence of death, and crucified Him. <sup>21</sup> **"But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel.** Indeed, besides all this, it is the third day since these things happened.

**Mark 11:11** *People's disappointment with Jesus is surpassed by Jesus' disappointment with God's people.*

Mark 11:11 <sup>11</sup> Then 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.

**Malachi 3:1** "Behold, I am going to send My messenger, and he will clear the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple; and the messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight, behold, He is coming," says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup> "But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap.

**Matthew 23:37** <sup>37</sup> "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling. <sup>38</sup> "Behold, your house is being left to you desolate! <sup>39</sup> "For I say to you, from now on you will not see Me until you say, 'BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!'"

**24:1** Jesus came out from the temple and was going away when His disciples came up to point out the temple buildings to Him. <sup>2</sup> And He said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, not one stone here will be left upon another, which will not be torn down."

**Luke 13:34-35** <sup>34</sup> "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, *the city* that kills the prophets and stones those sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, just as a hen *gathers* her brood under her wings, and you would not *have it!*  
<sup>35</sup> "Behold, your house is left to you *desolate*; and I say to you, you will not see Me until *the time* comes when you say, 'BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!'"

Jesus is the new temple, the new presence of God. Jerusalem's temple and here walls must fall to get God's new people moving on the kingdom business of gathering a people from all nations.

Westminster Confession of Faith, Chpt. 5, *Of Providence*, Section 5: The most wise, righteous, and gracious God doth oftentimes leave, for a season, His own children to manifold temptations, and the corruption of their own hearts, to chastise them for their former sins, or to discover unto them the hidden strength of corruption and deceitfulness of their hearts, that they may be humbled; (2 Chron. 32:25–26, 31, 2 Sam. 24:1) and, to raise them to a more close and constant dependence for their support upon Himself, and to make them more watchful against all future occasions of sin, and for sundry other just and holy ends. (2 Cor. 12:7–9, Ps. 73, Ps. 77:1, 10, 12, Mark 14:66–72, John 21:15–17)

Jesus is in control of every step of his saving/delivering of individuals and his saving/delivering to restore justice on the earth. *How are you handling your disappointments with his timing and his ways? Are you praying regularly that his will might be done on earth as it is in heaven?*

Rejoice in salvation *past* (substitutionary death), *present* (sanctifying Word & Spirit) & *future* (full redemption)!