

The Jesus We Never Knew
“Hosanna!”
Mark 11: 1-11

The Triumphal Entry

¹As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, ²saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' tell him, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.' "

⁴They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, ⁵some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" ⁶They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. ⁷When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. ⁹Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,

"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!"

¹¹Jesus entered Jerusalem and went to the temple. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

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Questions for personal or small group study and reflection:

1. Jesus is continuing to fulfill Messianic prophecies about who He is. What did the prophet Zechariah say as to the manner in which Jesus would enter Jerusalem? (Zech. 9:9) What will He ride on when He returns one day as King? (Rev. 19:11)
2. Why do you think that Jesus is now being open about His identity as the Messiah whereas before he was telling people not to say anything about His miracles and who He is?
3. What were the expectations of the crowd in this passage? What did the people want Jesus to do for them? Why did they cry out in verses 9-10? What were they crying out for?
4. What is your expectation of who Jesus is? What is it you ask Him to do for you? Is this in line with what Scripture teaches/proclaims Him to be? Have you ever misunderstood Jesus' purpose such that you praise Him one day and abandon Him the next? What was the basis for your misunderstanding?
5. Do we recognize Jesus for who He is, or do we look for our own expectation of Him? Pray that God will give you eyes to see and ears to hear Him in the way that He reveals Himself.