

The Jesus We Never Knew  
**“His Triumphal Entry: How Jesus Fulfills Messianic Prophecy”**  
Mark 11: 1-19

**The Triumphal Entry**

<sup>1</sup>As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying 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. <sup>3</sup>If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' tell him, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.' "

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

"Hosanna!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

<sup>10</sup>"Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!"

"Hosanna in the highest!"

<sup>11</sup>Jesus 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.

**Jesus Clears the Temple**

<sup>12</sup>The next day as they were leaving Bethany, Jesus was hungry. <sup>13</sup>Seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to find out if it had any fruit. When he reached it, he found nothing but leaves, because it was not the season for figs. <sup>14</sup>Then he said to the tree, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again." And his disciples heard him say it.

<sup>15</sup>On reaching Jerusalem, Jesus entered the temple area and began driving out those who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves, <sup>16</sup>and would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the temple courts. <sup>17</sup>And as he taught them, he said, "Is it not written:

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*" My house will be called  
a house of prayer for all nations'?"*

*But you have made it 'a den of robbers.'"*

<sup>18</sup>*The chief priests and the teachers of the law heard this and began looking for a way to kill him, for they feared him, because the whole crowd was amazed at his teaching.*

<sup>19</sup>*When evening came, they went out of the city.*

Mark 11:1-19 (NIV)

### **What are Messianic Prophecies?**

#### **Messianic Prophecies fulfilled by:**

##### **1. Jesus' Triumphal Entry (11:1-11)**

##### **2. Jesus' Cursing the Fig Tree (11:12-14)**

##### **3. Jesus' Cleansing of the Temple (11:15-19)**

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### **Mark 11: 1 - 19**

#### **Questions for personal and small group study and reflection:**

1. If you were the advance person for the Messiah, what kind of entry would you have planned?
2. What elements of the Triumphal Entry point to Jesus' claim to be the King of the Jews, the rightful Anointed One, the Messiah?
3. Why do you think Jesus is now open about being the Messiah, whereas previously this was something he didn't want his disciples to discuss openly?
4. What was the reaction of the pilgrims to Jesus' glorious entry? What was the reaction of the Pharisees? Why the difference in reactions?
5. In what way is the Triumphal Entry a royal "visitation" or inspection tour? Why are the religious leaders unwilling or unable to recognize Jesus as the Messiah, the King?
6. Have you ever misunderstood Jesus' purposes, praising Him one day and despairing the next? What was the basis for your misunderstanding?
7. Why does Jesus drive the money-changers and sacrifice-sellers out of the temple? What reason does he give?
8. How does Jesus' action to cleanse the temple make his crucifixion more inevitable? (Hint: At whose home was his mock trial held?)
9. The chief priests are prejudiced toward Jesus because they have corrupted themselves with proceeds from temple sales and Jesus threatens their revenue. How can tithing serve to challenge the shallowness of our Christianity? How can we Christians be corrupted by money?
10. In what ways do fulfilled messianic prophecies prove the divine nature of the Bible? How do they assure a believer of the truth of God's Word in times of doubt?