

# MARK 11 vs 1

<sup>1</sup> And when they came near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, **at the Mount of Olives**, He sent forth two of his disciples,

<sup>2</sup> And said to them, Go your way to the village across from you:

and as soon as you enter it, you will find a colt tied / the other gospel writers say this colt is the fowl of a young ass,

whereon no man sat; loose it and bring it.

<sup>3</sup> And if anyone says to you, Why do you do this? Say that the Lord needs it; and immediately He will send it there / in other words, after the Lord has borrowed the colt... He will return it.

<sup>4</sup> And they went their way, and found the colt tied by the door outside, in a place where two ways met / so it was at an intersection where 2 roads met;

and they loosed it.

<sup>5</sup> And certain of them who stood there said to them,

What are you doing, loosening the colt?

<sup>6</sup> And they said to them even as Jesus had instructed:

and they let them go.

<sup>7</sup> And they brought the colt to Jesus, and threw their garments on it; and He sat on it.

<sup>8</sup> And many / a multitude; hundreds... perhaps thousands of pilgrims had been traveling with Jesus from Galilee and the countryside. They were foreigners to Jerusalem; they are not from the capital city, from the religious headquarters. No!



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They have been traveling with Jesus; they are excited,

**and many... spread their garments in the way: and others cut down branches off the trees / from the fields along the way, and scattered them in the way.**

<sup>9</sup> **And they who went before /** the multitude of pilgrims... those who went in front; and then, there is Jesus on the colt,

**and those who joined Him in the way He was going /** and He was heading to Jerusalem; all his life He was going to the cross, to die, to be buried and to rise again.

As Matthew Henry says: notice, Jesus was not sneaking into Jerusalem as if He was afraid to show his face. NO! He was not entering incognito; and the religious and political leaders of the day, did not need to send out their spies to figure out what He was up to. They need not send out their spies to search for him. Jesus was not cast down or disquieted at the thought of his approaching sufferings. He came not only publicly, but cheerfully and with acclamation. Now days, we recognize, Jesus was no victim; actually, He was turning up the heat,

**and those who joined Him in the way cried out,**

**saying,**

**Hosanna** **Salvation belongs to our God!** And can you hear these 100s and 1000s of people making a ruckus?

**Saying**

**Blessed / marked with God's favor, is He who comes in the name of the Lord /** He that should come... who so often was promised... and for so long expected... God's great Ambassador; this Anointed One; God's Messiah-King:

And they shout...

<sup>10</sup> **Blessed is the kingdom of our father David,**





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**in the name of the Lord; and He who comes** / and once again they were shouting... so definitely they were excited:

**Hosanna in the highest** / as we read in Revelation 7: Salvation to our God who sits on the throne; and to the Lamb. Matthew records: the whole city was moved... the word: seio... **it was a seismic event**, as if an earthquake shook Jerusalem.

**11 And Jesus entered Jerusalem, and the temple** / He went to the **hieron**, where the religious **hierarchy** of the day... half-heartedly practiced their manmade uninspiring traditions... that they might appear pious and devout in the presence of the people:

**and when He looked around on all the things; and when evening was come, He went out to Bethany with the Twelve.**

And don't worry that Mark divides this event over 2 days; whereas the other writers seem to suggest it was one day... one event; they weren't texting each other to share their recollections... in between moments of commercials and boredom; they were writing while putting their lives on the line for Jesus Christ. And it is a credit to them and the early brothers of the faith... that they simply passed along what these men wrote.



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