The King Comes In Yahweh's Name

Mark 11:1-10 - Discussion Guide

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Opening Prayer

Take a moment to pray, asking God to open your hearts and minds to understand His Word better.

Read Mark 11:1-10 together

Introduction

This passage describes Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem during the Passover season, marking the beginning of His final week before the crucifixion. Through His actions, Jesus makes powerful statements about His identity and authority.

Discussion Questions

I. Jesus Exercises Yahweh's Authority

- 1. What instructions did Jesus give to His disciples about obtaining the colt? Why is the phrase "The Lord has need of it" significant?
- 2. The sermon mentions that the disciples played a "backstage" role in this event. In what ways has God called you to serve "backstage" in your life or church?
- 3. How does Jesus demonstrate His divine foreknowledge in verses 4-6? How does this impact our trust in Him today?
- 4. In what areas of your life do you find it most difficult to acknowledge Jesus' authority? What possessions or aspects of your life are you reluctant to place under His lordship?

II. Jesus Receives Yahweh's Praise

- 5. The people spread their cloaks and branches as signs of victory. What kind of victory do you think they were expecting from Jesus? How was Jesus' actual victory different?
- 6. The crowd quoted Psalm 118:26 and referred to "the coming kingdom of our father David." Why was this significant after 586 years without a Davidic king?
- 7. The word "Hosanna" means "save now, please." The people were crying out for salvation from Roman oppression, but Jesus came to save them from something else. What did they (and we) truly need salvation from?
- 8. How can we ensure that our understanding of who Jesus is and what He came to do is not distorted by our own expectations or desires?

Application

- 9. In what specific ways is Jesus calling you to submit to His authority in your daily life right now?
- 10. What anxieties about the future do you need to entrust to Jesus this week?
- 11. How can we participate in Jesus' ongoing mission in our families, workplaces, and communities?
- 12. What promises of God are you finding difficult to believe? How can Jesus' faithfulness encourage you to trust God's promises?
- 13. From what specific sins or struggles do you need Jesus to save you today? Take a moment to silently pray "Hosanna" about these areas.

Closing Prayer

Close your time together by thanking God for sending Jesus as our victorious King, promised King, and Savior King, and ask for His help to submit to His authority in all areas of your life.