



# Morningside Church

## Sermon Discussion Guide

**Title: The Coronation of the King**

**Date: March 10, 2024**

**Scripture Text: Mark 11:1-10**

### **Notes:**

For the next four weeks, as we approach Easter, we will be focusing on events in the life of Christ leading up to His death and resurrection. They are 1) Coronation, 2) Confrontation, 3) Crucifixion, 4) Resurrection. Today we look at the Coronation as Jesus enters Jerusalem the Sunday before His crucifixion. This is the story of His triumphal entry into Jerusalem. His reception is that of a king. Jesus is the King of kings! This moment is the next step as Jesus fulfills the will of His heavenly Father and His redemptive plan.

#### **I. The Direction of Deity ([Mark 11:1](#))**

Jesus is coming from Bethphage and Bethany, two miles east of Jerusalem. [John 12](#) describes Jesus' time there with Lazarus and his sisters, Martha & Mary. Crowds were coming to Jerusalem in celebration of Passover.

- What was the purpose of Passover ([Exodus 12](#))?
- What significance did Christ have with Passover, specifically, the Passover lamb?
- How do you think Jesus' time with Lazarus, Martha & Mary would be an encouragement for Him as He prepares for His upcoming crucifixion?

#### **II. The Demonstration of Deity ([Mark 11:2-7](#))**

Jesus' instructions align with the prophet Zechariah who said "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. ([Zech 9:9](#))

- How did Jesus' actions with the donkey fulfill what the prophet Zechariah said?
- How do the actions of Jesus demonstrate He was the Messiah?
- What do you think the disciples He sent to get the donkey were thinking?
- How did they follow Jesus' instructions? What was the result?
- As with the two disciples, what are things Jesus asks us to do today?
- If we obey His instructions, what will be the results?



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### III. The Decision About Deity ([Mark 11:8-10](#))

As Jesus approached Jerusalem, the crowds gathered. They spread their coats and palm branches along the road. They gave Jesus the reception of a king and shouted “Hosanna!” (save us, we pray). But within a few days, some of these same people were shouting “crucify Him!”. Why the change? They had bought in to a false belief that Messiah’s purpose was to rid Israel of her enemies (Rome). That belief was not biblical. Jesus did not meet their expectation of what Messiah would be, so they rejected Him.

- What was Jesus’ purpose and how was it different than the people’s expectations?
- How can our expectations get in the way of our perception of Jesus Christ?
- What are examples of expectations that may sound religious but not biblical?
- What can you do so as to not get distracted by unbiblical expectations?

As Easter approaches, take time in the coming weeks to read over the events leading up to Christ’s crucifixion and resurrection in the Gospels. Take this time to reflect on your relationship with Christ. Thank Him for your salvation! “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” [John 1:29](#)

The master of humility is Christ who humbled himself and became obedient even to death, even the death [on] the cross [[Phil. 2:8](#)]. Thus he does not lose his divinity when he teaches us humility.... What great thing was it to the king of the ages to become the king of humanity? For Christ was not the king of Israel so that he might exact a tax or equip an army with weaponry and visibly vanquish an enemy. He was the king of Israel in that he rules minds, in that he gives counsel for eternity, in that he leads into the kingdom of heaven ... those who believe, hope, and love.

Augustine (354 – 430)