

The Servant Enters Jerusalem

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Jesus Presents Himself as the Servant-King (11:1-11)

- Note several things
 - 1) Jesus is in full control (vs 1-3)
 - 2) Jesus engages His disciples to accomplish His purposes (vs 1-5)
 - 3) The possession the Lord requested was let go willingly (vs 5-6)
- Jesus' entrance riding an *unbroken* donkey indicated:
 - 1) He might be the second "Second Adam" who fulfilled the mandate to subdue the animals (Gen 1:27-30)
 - 2) He was the Messiah according to the fulfillment of prophecy (Zech 9:9; Gen 49:8-12)

Hosanna! (Ps 118:25) = "O save us now!"

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord (Ps 118:26) = a common greeting for visitors to Jerusalem.

Their reference to the *Davidic Kingdom* (2 Sam 7:16) = their hope that the kingdom was near.

Hosanna in the highest! = "You who live in heaven, save us now!"

Jesus Demonstrates He is the Servant-Judge (11:12-25)

- A Warning: the *Fig Tree is Cursed* (vs 12-14)
The fig tree, like Israel, looked vibrant but bore no fruit.
God had looked to that generation for spiritual fruit, but found none.
- The Judgment: the *Temple is Cleansed* (vs 15-19)
The *Court of the Gentiles* should have been a place for praying, but instead had become a place for preying.
Jesus claims that the Temple belongs to Him not the Jewish leaders...He is claiming to be God (cf Isa 56:7)
- The Lesson (vs 20-25)
Conditions for answered prayer: dependent faith in God and an attitude of forgiveness toward others.
Dependent trust in God can accomplish humanly impossible things through prayer.

Zero In....

Am I fruitful in *appearance* only and barren *spiritually* OR am I moving toward a fruitful *dependence* upon Jesus?