

JESUS CHRIST IS KING (Mark 11:1-11)

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TEXT—Mk. 11:1-11

MAIN IDEA—Jesus Christ is the Sovereign King who is worthy of our praise and of our lives.

MEMORY VERSE—Rev. 15:3

THE SOVEREIGN KING (Mk. 11:1-6)—The time had come for Jesus to present Himself openly to Israel as their Messiah-King. Jesus and the disciples approached Jerusalem arriving at the small villages of Bethpage and Bethany, 2 miles east of Jerusalem near the Mount of Olives. There the Lord carefully and deliberately sent His disciples to make arrangements for His arrival in the city.

Zech. 9:9; Matt. 21:4-5; Prov.30:5

Warren Wiersbe (1929-2019)—*In fulfilling this prophecy, Jesus accomplished two purposes: 1) He declared Himself to be Israel's King and Messiah; and 2) He deliberately challenged the religious leaders. This set in motion the official plot that led to His arrest, trial, and crucifixion. The Jewish leaders had decided not to arrest Him during the feast, but God had determined otherwise. The Lamb of God must die at Passover.*

Eph. 1:11; Is. 46:9-11

Rom. 10:9, 13; 1 Jn. 1:9; Rom. 8:28-32; Phil. 1:6

THE WORTHY KING (Mk. 11:7-10)—The two disciples returned with the colt Jesus requested. Using their outer garments as a saddle, Jesus climbed on the untrained beast and began riding it through the city. Others in the crowd spontaneously began spreading their garments on the road and spreading branches before him, praising the Lord. This was a temporary act of homage that praised and acknowledged Jesus as King.

V9-10—This was a unique moment in the life and ministry of Jesus, because most of the time the Lord discouraged people from publicly celebrating Him as the Messiah. He often healed people, then told others not to tell anyone (**Lk. 8:56; Mk.7:36**). Yet here, Jesus welcomes public praise and adoration revealing Himself as the worthy Messiah.

Ps. 118:19-29

1 Pet. 2:6-10; Col. 3:16-17

Acts. 2:22-24

THE HOLY KING (Mk. 11:11)—Upon entering Jerusalem, Jesus went into the temple to examine its worship. After looking around at the vain worship, the corruption, and everything in the temple, the Lord left and would return the following day to address it.

Mal. 3:1-3