



## Life's Most Important Things

Mark 11:1-11 p. 847

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### Introduction

Through this passage we will examine the ways Palm Sunday reminds us of life's most important things.

### The Text: Mark 11:1-11

1) Important reminder: Christian holidays help the church see and hope in the most important things.

*(a) The church uses Christian holidays to help Christians see the most important things.*

*(b) The church uses Christian holidays to situate and prioritize the things of God from the things of this world.*

*(c) The church uses Christian holidays to remind Christians of their true identity and purpose in this world.*

2) The Christian holiday called Palm Sunday annually proclaims life's most important things.

*a) God is Purposeful (vv. 1-3) – our life is directed by his goodness and glory.*

*b) God is Sovereign (4-6) – our life is secure in his power and provisions.*

*c) God is King (vv. 7-8) – our life is submitted to his position and prescriptions.*

*d) God is Praiseworthy (vv. 9-11) – our life is satisfied in him alone.*

### Response

- Palm Sunday annually reminds and exhorts us to align ourselves to life's most important things – God!

## Sunday Text Questions for Mark 11:1-11 (Palm Sunday)

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- 1) Starter Question: How might Christian holidays be just as important for remembrance and giving purpose as secular holidays (e.g., Fourth of July, Thanksgiving)?
- 2) Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
- 3) How might the context of this scene (described in vv. 1 and 11) be significant to the message this story tells?
- 4) Why did Jesus assign his disciples to go get him a colt/donkey (v. 2), and how might Zechariah 9:9 offer the explanation?
- 5) Why does the narrator tell several specific details of securing the colt/donkey in vv. 2-6, especially connecting what Jesus commanded and what actually happened?
- 6) What might the significance be of the phrase regarding the colt/donkey in v. 2: “which no one has ever ridden?”
- 7) This text is full of symbolic actions (e.g., the colt/donkey, the spreading of cloaks before Jesus, the [palm] branches, the shouts of acclamation, and even the location). How is understanding these actions in their original context helpful for interpretation?
- 8) How might v. 6 reflect the sovereignty of God and the kingship of Jesus?
- 9) What might be significant about the description in v. 11 of Jesus entering Jerusalem and the temple courts and “looking around at everything?”
- 10) What is the purpose of Palm Sunday, and why is it good for the church to celebrate it annually?

**Further study this week:** Matt 21:1-11 on the Triumphal Entry (Mon); Luke 19:29-44 on the Triumphal Entry (Tues); John 12:12-19 on the Triumphal Entry (Wed); 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 on Jesus’ second Triumphal Entry (Thurs); Revelation 7:9-17 on Jesus being worship in the temple of the New Creation (Fri).