

"Jesus Comes to us"

Mark 11:1-11

1. Introduction

- When Jesus comes to us, we must receive Him for who He is - as He comes.

2. Background

- Passion Week – the last 8 days in the life of Jesus.
- Matthew, Chapters 21-27 - Mark, Chapters 11-15 – Luke, Chapters 19-23 and John, Chapters 12-19
- Palm Sunday began with joy and shouts of praise as Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time – but ended in His weeping over Jerusalem.
- Palm Sunday is at best, "a day of temporary triumph." At worst, it is an illustration of the "fickle nature of the voice of the people."

3. The King's Preparation – Mark 11:1-7

- Zechariah 9:9-10

4. The response of the people to His arrival – Mark 11:8-11

- The people excitedly gathered to be blessed and healed and to receive Jesus' hope.
- Luke 19:38-40

5. His arrival preceded betrayal.

- The people who cheered Jesus on Palm Sunday cried, "Crucify Him and give us Barabbas!" before the week was over.

6. Another distinctive of Jesus' coming into Jerusalem. – Luke 19:41-44

- Jesus wept over needy Jerusalem as a place of lost opportunity – for the people did not get His message.

7. Conclusion: His arrival demands our response.

- Romans 5:1
- You begin by saying, "I give Jesus my heart."