

Seeing Jesus

Mark 11:1-11

Main Point

Jesus humbly offers salvation but is missed

Observations

The story is more about the colt (vv. 1-6) than the entry (vv. 7-10)

“Colt/it” 10x, “Jesus/Him” 5x

The story is filled with subtle Messianic hints

Untie the colt (vv. 2, 4): Judah's ruler bound colt Gen 49:10-11

On which no one has ever sat (v. 2): animals which hadn't been worked Num 19:2; Deut 21:3

Quietly arranging His own donkey (vv. 1-6): Humble Zech 9:9

Brought colt, Jesus sat on it (v. 7): “mounted...on a colt” Zech 9:9

Riding on donkey (v. 7): establishes kingship 1Ki 1:33

Cloaks spread on road (v. 8): initial recognition of king 2Ki 9:13

People shouting (v. 9): “Rejoice...shout aloud” Zech 9:9

“Hosanna” (vv. 9-10, lit “Save us”): “having salvation” Zech 9:9

The “pomp and circumstance” quickly subsides (v. 11)

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Application

Jesus continues to work in powerful ways today

Usually He works quietly and humbly

He is often missed because we look for “big” things

We have three tools to help us see His work

Scripture: the more you know, the more you will see 2Ti 2:15

Holy Spirit: He brings all things to our remembrance John 14:26

Open eyes/heart looking for Jesus: Jer 29:13; Psa 119:18

Response

How is your Bible reading opening your eyes to Jesus and His work?

How is the Holy Spirit nudging you toward truth?

How are you slowing down and looking for Jesus?

Have you received Him as Lord and Savior?