

“The Lord Has Need Of It”
Mark 11:1-11
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Message 26

Introduction

- Title Of The Message: “The Lord Has Need Of It”

- **Review Chapter 10**

- **Mark 10:1-12 - God’s Plan for Marriage**
 - The Pharisees TEST Jesus vs. 1-2
 - The TRUTH About Marriage vs. 3-9
 - The TRAGEDY Of Divorce vs. 10-12
- **Mark 10:13-34 - Children, Rich Man, Camel, Cross**
 - **Children vs. 13-16**
 - Bring our children to Jesus
 - COME as Children to Jesus
 - Helpless
 - Dependent
 - **Rich Young Ruler vs. 17-22**
 - Had 2 problems
 - 1st Thought he could EARN his way to heaven
 - By being GOOD / Keeping the Commandments
 - 2nd His Wealth

- **Camel vs. 23-31**

- How Hard is it for a RICH man to Enter Heaven –
 - As hard as it for a Camel to go through the eye of a needle
- BUT With GOD ALL things are Possible

- **Cross vs. 32-34**

- Salvation Comes through the cross

- **Mark 10:32-52 - Greatness in God's Kingdom**

- **It Involves Suffering vs. 32-41**

- Jesus Suffered
- All the Disciples Suffered
- We too must suffer

- **It Involves Serving vs. 42-45**

- Jesus the Creator of everything – SERVED

Mark 10:45 (NKJV)

45 *For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."*

- How much more should we serve

- **It Involves Strong Faith vs. 46-52**

- The title Rabboni
 - Is a strengthened form of 'Rabbi

- It means MY LORD / MY MASTER
- When Bartimaeus said this
 - He expressed his humble submission towards Jesus
 - His FULL Weight of his FAITH was / is ON JESUS

• **Now This Morning 2 Wonderful TRUTHS For The Lord Has Need Of IT**

- The Preparation vs. 1-6
- The Praise vs. 7-11

The Preparation vs. 1-8

• **First: The Situation Surrounding This Event v. 1**

- **1st Drew Near to Jerusalem v. 1a**

Mark 11:1 (NKJV)

1 Now when they drew near Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples;

▪ **Context**

- Quick NOTE
 - If all we had was the Gospel of Mark
 - We might think this was Jesus' first journey to Jerusalem.
 - But the Gospel of John tells us of many previous trips.
 - Jesus would have been there for the major feasts as He possibly could

▪ **Going To Jerusalem**

- In Doing So He showed
 - 1st Sovereignty
 - Jesus KNEW what was ahead of Him – The CROSS
 - He has already told His disciples 3 times in this Gospel what would happen
 - YET HE WENT!!!
 - 2nd – Showed His 2 Comings
 - His First Coming - The Cross
 - Reconcile our Hearts to God (Salvation)
 - His Second Coming - To Rule & Reign
 - He is Coming back soon
 - 3rd His Face was FIXED - NOTHING Will STOP Him
 - Knowing full well what awaited Him
 - Knowing that He must endure the cross before receiving the kingdom
 - Jesus went.
 - He had you on His mind!

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NKJV)

21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

- **Application - Fix Our Eyes On Heaven**

- Nothing Would stop Jesus from Dying for our Sins
 - He loves us so much that He willing did all this for us
- NOW We should LIVE for HIM
 - Put Your God Blinder on and Set your Face to Heaven
 - Set your face in doing His will
 - *Pastor Mike Warren; “The Heart of the True Believer is already in the Kingdom of Heaven, We have already put that waypoint on our compasses and we are moving in that direction, we’re forgetting those things which are behind and we’re pressing on – we know that when we started this journey it had a destination and our hearts are already there, we’re just waiting for our bodies to catch up”*

○ **2nd To Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives v. 1b**

Mark 11:1 (NKJV)

1 Now when they drew near Jerusalem, **to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives**, He sent two of His disciples;

▪ **Bethphage – Bethany**

• **Show Map / Pics**

• Means

- Bethphage - House of unripe figs
- Bethany – House of dates or figs

- Was the Home for Mary, Martha, and Lazarus

▪ **At the Mount of Olives**

- Our Lord Ascended to heaven here (Acts 1)
- \When He Returns it will be to the Mount of Olives (Zechariah 14:3-4)

Zechariah 14:3–4 (NKJV)

3 Then the LORD will go forth And fight against those nations, As He fights in the day of battle.

4 And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, Which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, From east to west, Making a very large valley; Half of the mountain shall move toward the north And half of it toward the south.

- **3rd He sent two of His disciples v. 1c**

Mark 11:1 (NKJV)

1 Now when they drew near Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, **He sent two of His disciples;**

- Sent them on the mission of their lives
- Since the time was short before His crucifixion, Jesus left nothing to chance

• Second: The Selection Of the Donkey vs. 2-8

- **1st You will find a colt tied, on which no one has sat vs. 2-3**

Mark 11:2–3 (NKJV)

2 and He said to them, “Go into the village opposite you; and as soon as you have entered it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has sat. Loose it and bring it.

3 And if anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it,’ and immediately he will send it here.”

- Jesus gives the instructions
 - Note a Few things
 - 1st Everything will be just as Jesus said

- Was this prearranged
 - Some say yes others no
- My Opinion is no it was not prearranged
- 2nd Matthew gives a little more insist

Matthew 21:2 (NKJV)

2 saying to them, *“Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose them and bring them to Me.*

- Jesus did not want to separate the mother from her child
- 3rd On which no one had sat
 - Meaning it would not be easy to ride – needed to be broken
 - BUT for Jesus the CREATOR this will not be a problem
- 4th The Lord has Need of IT
 - The Lord has NEED?
 - Interesting the has need of anything
 - The Lord has Need of you
- 5th Picture of Humility
 - Middle Eastern world
 - Leaders rode horses if they rode to war
 - But donkeys if they came in peace.

- First Kings 1:33 mentions Solomon riding a donkey on the day he was recognized as the new king of Israel
- Other instances of leaders riding donkeys are Judges 5:10; 10:4; 12:14; and 2 Samuel 16:2.
- **2nd They spoke to them just as Jesus had commanded vs. 4-6**

Mark 11:4–6 (NKJV)

4 So they went their way, and found the colt tied by the door outside on the street, and they loosed it.

5 But some of those who stood there said to them, “What are you doing, loosing the colt?”

6 And they spoke to them just as Jesus had commanded. So they let them go.

- **They did as Jesus said, and it was fine.**

- They merely follow His instructions and return with the colt.

- **Application**

- Always a good idea to simply follow Jesus instructions

- **3rd And many spread their clothes on the road vs. 7-8**

Mark 11:7–8 (NKJV)

7 Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes on it, and He sat on it.

8 And many spread their clothes on the road, and others cut down leafy branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

- **Spreading Clothes**

- The practice of welcoming a new king
 - Reverence reserved for high royalty (2 Kin. 9:13)
 - Suggesting that they recognized His claim to be King of the Jews.

- **Plam Branches.**

- Branches – Honor

- Matthew 21:8 - Also “branches”
- Mark 11:8 - “Cut down leafy branches from the trees and spread them on the road”
- John 12:13 - Palm Branches

- Palm branches which symbolized

- Joy and salvation
- A future royal tribute to Christ (Rev. 7:9)

- **4th Application – What We Learn**

- **1st Resulted In Fulfilled Prophecy**

- **1st Matthew's account gives this detail about this prophecy**

Matthew 21:4–5 (NKJV)

4 All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying:

5 “Tell the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your King is coming to you, Lowly, and sitting on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.’ ”

- This was a prophecy of the Messiah in Zechariah 9
 - That was given centuries before...and now here He comes

Zechariah 9:9 (NKJV)

9 “Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.

- **2nd Fulfilled Prophecy**

- That's what sets Jesus Apart & The Bible Apart
 - The Reliability - The Bible is the WORD of God!!!
- Prophecies Concerning Christ
 - Over 300 prophecies about Jesus in the OT
 - Centuries before He appeared
 - Promises were given concerning Him,
 - **Micah 5** - Told us where He would be born
 - In Bethlehem - written over 700 years before the event!
 - **Isaiah 7** - Way He would be born
 - Of virgin over 600 years
 - **Daniel 9** - How He came into the Jerusalem –
 - Over 500 years to the day, before it happened (More on this in a Minute)
 - **Zechariah 11** - Betrayed by a friend and sold for 30 pieces of silver
 - Not 28 or 13 but 30 and that the silver would be cast down on floor in temple - used to buy a potter s fields over 400 years before birth
 - **Psalms 22** - What Kind of death he would die –

- Over 900 years before it happened (Crucifixion)
- The Statistical possibility that 8 prophecies could be fulfilled by one person?
 - In his excellent book, 'science speaks - author Peter Stoner works it out and says possibilities 1/10 to the 27th power
 - *Cover the entire state of Texas two feet deep in silver dollars. Choose and "mark" one silver dollar and drop it from an airplane flying somewhere over Texas. Thoroughly "stir" the silver dollars all over the state. Blindfold a person and let them travel anywhere in the state, stopping only "once" at a spot of his choice to dig into the two feet of silver dollars and pick out the "marked" one. The chance of a person being able to do that in "one" try is the same chance as one man fulfilling ONLY "eight" Messianic prophecies. Professor Stoner concluded, "The fulfillment of these eight prophecies alone proves that God inspired the writing of those prophecies to a definiteness which lacks only one chance in ten to the seventeenth power of being absolute".*
 - The Bible is TOTALLY SUPERNATURAL

▪ **2nd Reinforced That He Was In Control**

- **1st His Omniscience Displayed**
 - When He sent His disciples to get the colt...
 - He KNEW EVERYTHING that would happen
 - We've seen a few times where Jesus did this

- John 1:43-51 Saw Nathanael

John 1:50 (NKJV)

50 Jesus answered and said to him, *“Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.”*

- **2nd His Omnipotence Displayed**

- Shown By His ability to Sit on a Wild Donkey
 - What happens when you sit on a horse or donkey that has never been ridden...
 - They Usually they don't like it
- But what happens when the Creator sits on a colt that's never been ridden...
 - The Triumphal Entry

- **3rd Reflected His Humility**

- **Zech. 9:9 says the King comes –**
 - "Lowly and riding on a donkey"
- **Kings DON'T ride on donkeys**
 - They ride on beautiful horses
 - This is not a normal procession of a King
 - This would definitely be a strange and humble thing to see
- **Jesus never wants us to forget that He came Humbly – to BRING PEACE**
 - **The First Time = Cross**
 - Our Lord left the glories of heaven

- Turn to Philippians 2

Philippians 2:5–11 (NKJV)

5 *Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,*
6 *who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,*
7 *but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.*
8 *And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.*
9 *Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,*
10 *that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,*
11 *and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

- **The Second Time = Horse Judgment**

- Revelation 19:11–21

- **Application**

- From His Humility – LET US LEARN

- Question

- How Are WE DOING on Humility

- God wants us to be like HIM – We should be humble

- Look at your relationships right now

- Is there constant fighting going on with you?!

- Yes, it is TRUE

- As Believers we are in a
CONSTANT BATTLE

Romans 12:18 (NKJV)

18 *If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.*

- But what I am referring to...
 - Are you always fighting with someone – In the Flesh
 - Are you complaining a lot
 - Blaming others a lot
 - Relationships strained
 - Maybe your need of a breaking – A lesson in humility

James 4:10 (NKJV)

10 *Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.*

1 Peter 5:5–6 (NKJV)

5 *Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for “God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.”*

6 *Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,*

- How

Philippians 2:1–4 (NKJV)

- 1** *Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy,*
- 2** *fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.*
- 3** *Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.*
- 4** *Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.*

Colossians 3:12–17 (NKJV)

12 Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering;

13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.

14 But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.

15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

The Praise vs. 9-11

• First: The Crowd Cried Out vs. 9-10

- **1st Then those who went before and those who followed cried out vs. 9-10**

Mark 11:9–10 (NKJV)

9 Then those who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: “Hosanna! ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!’

10 Blessed is the kingdom of our father David That comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”

- **2nd Now WHY are they HONORING JESUS?**

- **1st His Miracles**

- **Luke Tells us (Luke 9:37)**

Luke 19:37 (NKJV)

37 Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice **for all the mighty works they had seen,**

- You know what happened the previous weekend

- John Tells us
 - There was a celebration in Bethany
 - There was a supper...at the home of Mary and Martha
 - And guess who was there...Lazarus
 - The miracle that has turned this crowd on is the resurrection of Lazarus from the dead
- That was one of the reasons for their praise
- **2nd His Messiahship / The Lamb Of God**

Luke 19:38 (NKJV)

**38 saying: “ ‘Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the LORD!’
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”**

- Matthew records that they cried out:

Matthew 21:9 (NKJV)

9 Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: “Hosanna to the Son of David! ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!’ Hosanna in the highest!”

- **That word “Hosanna” means “SAVE NOW”**

- This comes from a section of Scripture known as the Hallel
 - (A short form of Hallelujah)
 - It’s from the praise section of the Psalms 113-118
- Interestingly the Hallel is recited at Passover
 - Jesus may have song these with His Disciples

- **Psalm 118:19-29**

- The whole context of Psalm 118 is fascinating as it relates to the Triumphal Entry
 - Here is the Messiah...there's no doubt about it...this is Him!

Psalm 118:19–23 (NKJV)

19 Open to me the gates of righteousness; I will go through them, And I will praise the LORD.

20 This is the gate of the LORD, Through which the righteous shall enter.

21 I will praise You, For You have answered me, And have become my salvation.

22 The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This was the LORD's doing; It is marvelous in our eyes.

- Chief Cornerstone - You may recognize verses 22-23...
 - Quoted in Matthew 21 & 1 Peter 2
 - A very clear reference made about Jesus
 - Jesus is the Chief Cornerstone who was rejected
 - The death of Jesus
- This DAY

Psalm 118:24 (NKJV)

24 This is the day the LORD has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.

- Now a lot of us quoted this verse
 - When we wake up and we see that it's a beautiful day or something
- This verse is Prophetic

- The context...
 - Its talking about the day of salvation...
- The VERY Day He entered Jerusalem

Daniel 9:24–25 (NKJV)

24 "Seventy weeks are determined For your people and for your holy city, To finish the transgression, To make an end of sins, To make reconciliation for iniquity, To bring in everlasting righteousness, To seal up vision and prophecy, And to anoint the Most Holy.

25 "Know therefore and understand, That from the going forth of the command To restore and build Jerusalem Until Messiah the Prince, There shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; The street shall be built again, and the wall, Even in troublesome times.

- **The Prophecy they should have known**
 - "70 weeks are determined for Your People & for Your Holy City...
- **1st Notice Who is this addressed to**
 - Jews / Israel (your people)
 - Jerusalem (your holy city)
- **2nd Note that 70 weeks are DETERMINED**
 - What is a week?
 - Now a week can be...
 - 7 Days

- Or a period of 7 years.
("Heptad" a group up of seven)
- Remember...
- Genesis 29:27 Laban to Jacob / Leah, Rachel / fulfill her "Week" it was 7 years
- Here in Daniel a week refers to a 7 - year period
- 70 weeks =
 - 70 / 7 year periods or a total of 490 years are determined for Israel

- **3rd This is not to be a MYSTERY**

- V.25 Know Therefore & Understand
 - This was not to be a MYSTERY
- So what are we to know & UNDERSTAND
 - From the going forth of the command to go & restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah comes....
 - Which took place in Nehemiah
- Shall be 7 weeks and 62 weeks = 69 Weeks

- The Messiah would arrive at that time
 - They should have never missed it.
- We know the date of the decree to rebuild Jerusalem
- King Artaxerxes gave the decree on March 14, 445 BC (Neh. 2)
- British scholar, Sir Robert Anderson, showed that Jesus' triumphal entry was fulfilled on that very day
- April 6th, 32 AD
- **3rd Luke Give More Info**

- **The Reaction Of Some Pharisees (Luke 9:39)**

Luke 19:39 (NKJV)

39 *And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples."*

- They are so astonished that He is allowing this to go on
 - Jesus has Not Allowed Public Worship Until NOW
 - Jesus DOESN'T STOP IT

- **The Response Of Jesus (Luke 9:40)**

Luke 19:40 (NKJV)

40 *But He answered and said to them, "I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out."*

- 1st Almost to say... Without a doubt... I am what they say!

- If they don't say it...God would cause His creation to cry out
- You guys are wrong...I am the Messiah!
- 2nd Creation itself praising God may seem strange
 - The Bible speaks about it in a few places
 - Trees, hills, oceans, rivers, mountains, valleys, cattle and creeping things, birds and fields all give praise to God (Psalms 148:7-13, Psalms 96:11-12).

Psalm 148:7–13 (NKJV)

7 Praise the LORD from the earth, You great sea creatures and all the depths;
8 Fire and hail, snow and clouds; Stormy wind, fulfilling His word;
9 Mountains and all hills; Fruitful trees and all cedars;
10 Beasts and all cattle; Creeping things and flying fowl;
11 Kings of the earth and all peoples; Princes and all judges of the earth;
12 Both young men and maidens; Old men and children.
13 Let them praise the name of the LORD, For His name alone is exalted; His glory is above the earth and heaven.

Psalm 96:11–12 (NKJV)

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; Let the sea roar, and all its fullness;
12 Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it. Then all the trees of the woods will rejoice before the LORD.

- Paul said that Creation is groaning
 - Longing for the day of Redemption when they can break forth into Praise!!!
- NOTE
 - Creation wants to & can't at this present time
 - People can but many don't want to!

- **Second: The Courage Of Jesus v. 11**

- **1st When He looked around at all things v. 11**

Mark 11:11 (NKJV)

11 And Jesus went into Jerusalem and into the temple. So when He had looked around at all things, as the hour was already late, He went out to Bethany with the twelve.

- **Jesus came as the Messiah to Jerusalem**

- Not as a mighty general to conquer the Romans!
- BUT As a SERVANT to dies for the sins of the world

- **He had looked around**

- To make an inspection.
 - In the rest of Mark 11
 - We see the results of this inspection.
 - Malachi 3:1-3 speaks prophetically of the Messiah coming to the temple in careful assessment.

- **It took courage for Jesus to be there**

- Knowing what was about to happen
- John 11:57 makes it clear that there was a price on Jesus' head and the authorities were looking for Him.
- Despite that threat, Jesus came into Jerusalem in the most public way possible.

Closing

- ALL This was done to that you and I could have everlasting LIFE with Jesus