The Gospel According to Mark
Jesus. Servant. Master.

Lesson 43

Read Mark 11:1 – 26

Introduction: *Up until this point, Jesus was resistant to any outward attempts to pronounce Him as the King. As He healed people, He often told them not to tell anyone. He said that His hour hadn't yet come. But now His hour had come, and He instructed the disciples where to find a donkey so He could ride into Jerusalem as had been prophesied in Zechariah 9:9. The day had finally arrived. The day that had been foretold by Daniel, in Daniel 9:24 – 27 exactly 173,880 days after the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem. This was the day talked about in Psalm 118:24. It was time.*

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1. Now as Jesus drew near to Bethany, at the Mount of Olives He gave instructions to two of His disciples. What did Jesus tell them to do in Mark 11:2 – 3?

2. What further understanding do we learn in comparing Mark's account with Matthew 21:1 – 6 and Luke 19:28 – 35?

- What does Proverbs 1:2 – 8 say about following God's instructions?

- Sometimes God will give us instructions to do a particular task and we don't understand His complete plan. . . we only see a few steps in front of us. According to Proverbs 3:5 – 6, Psalm 119:105,133, Isaiah 40:31 and John 10:27 what is the best way to understand God's direction?

3. What took place as Jesus rode into Jerusalem found in Mark 11:7 – 10?

- How did Zechariah 9:9 foretell what the first coming of the Messiah would be like?

- The people were rejoicing and praising Jesus as their Messiah. Perhaps the people were crying out Psalm 118:25 – 29 as Jesus descended into Jerusalem. Write out Psalm 118:25 – 26.

4. What took place the next day as Jesus came back into Jerusalem according to Mark 11:12 – 14 and Matthew 21:18 – 19?

5. Read about the cleansing of the temple in Mark 11:15 – 16, Matthew 21:12 – 16 and Luke 19:45 – 48. What is the main teaching Jesus is giving to us in these various accounts?

- Why were the scribes and chief priests so determined to destroy Jesus?

6. According to Mark 11:20 – 26 what lessons can we learn about faith, prayer and forgiveness? How do these affect the way you live?

- What did Jesus teach us about faith in Luke 7:1 – 10?