

Triumphal Entry Expectations **Mark 11:1-11**

Big entrance prepared for Jesus. 11:1-7

- ▶ Lots of attention is given here to procuring this donkey. Matthew alone again gives a fuller number (21:7) as in 8:28, 19:23, 20:22.
- ▶ Why is riding a little donkey significant? Zech. 9:9, Jn. 12:15.

Big excitement expressed for Jesus. 11:8-10

- ▶ Why the “red carpet” treatment? See Lk. 19:37, Jn. 12:17,18.
- ▶ Hosanna (*save us now*) is from Ps. 118:25,26. Verse 10 is not an OT quote but shows how excitement over Jesus has created an excited expectation He might well initiate the Davidic kingdom.
- ▶ All this excitement upsets the Pharisees, Lk. 19:39, Jn. 12:19.

Big expectations unfulfilled by Jesus. 11:11

- ▶ Surprisingly, with the exuberant crowd in the palm of His hands, Jesus looks around the temple and leaves town for Bethany.
- ▶ Lk. 19:41 adds that Jesus wept over the city, and Matt. 21:10-14 notes He did heal some when He looked around the temple.
- ▶ After this excitement for Jesus wanes, and He is increasingly at odds with the religious leaders. Eventually even the crowds will turn hostile—going from “Hosanna” to “Crucify Him” in 15:13.

As with the disillusioned crowd here, can we some-time feel the Lord hasn't fulfilled our expectations of Him?

What can help us avoid this wrong thinking?

