

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Why did Jesus enter Jerusalem on a colt? What was the significance of Jesus sitting on a colt?
- 2. How did Jesus refer to Himself in 11:3? Why is that important?
- 3. What did you learn about Jesus in this passage?
- 4. Of the 3 responses- Serve, Obey, Sacrifice- which do you find most challenging? Why? What can you do to grow in this aspect as a disciple of Jesus?

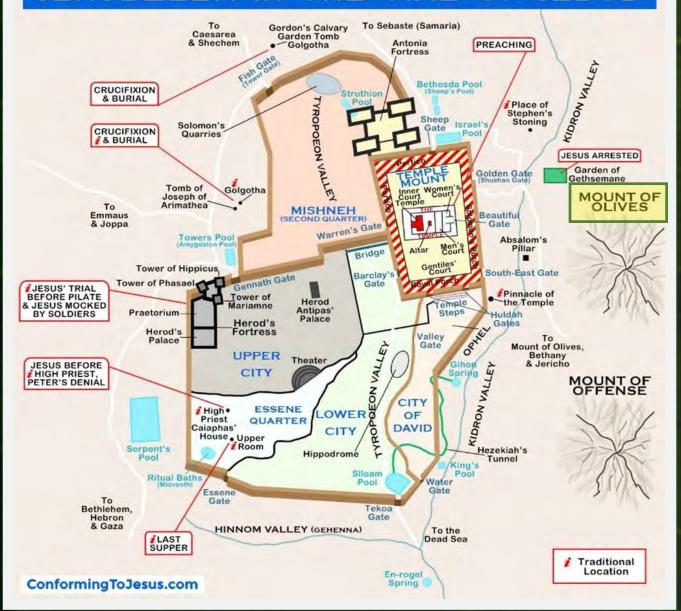
### **MARK 11:1-11 ESV**

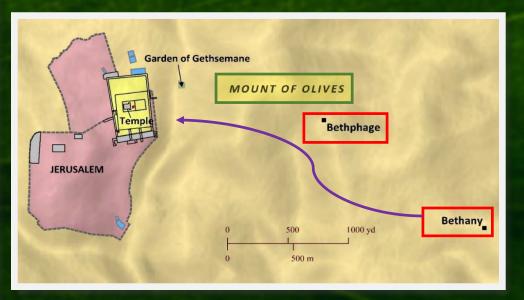
11 Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples 2 and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untile it and bring it. 3 If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately." 4 And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. 5 And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" 6 And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go...

### **MARK 11:1-11 ESV**

- <sup>7</sup> And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup> And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. <sup>9</sup> And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! <sup>10</sup> Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"
- 11 And he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple. And when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

#### JERUSALEM IN THE TIME OF JESUS





### Jesus Came As...

- 1. Servant King (Mark 11:7, 10)
- 2. Sovereign King (Mark 11:1-6, 11)
- 3. Sacrificial King (Mark 11:8-9)

## 1. Servant King

- Servant King (11:7, 10)
- Colt/Donkey: beast of burden. Symbol of humble service.
- Significance of Jesus sitting on a colt/donkey:
  - Fulfills Zechariah 9:9 prophecy
  - Jesus follows the line of king David
  - Jesus came to serve (Mark 10:45)

## 2. Sovereign King

- Sovereign King (11:1-6, 11)
- How did Jesus know all these things would happen (vv2-6)?
- Jesus Christ knows all, sees all and is above all...
   Psalm 139:4; Isaiah 46:10; Romans 11:33-36
- When Jesus entered and examined the temple, He entered not as a pilgrim, but as Sovereign Lord and Priest (v11)

#### **Psalm 139:4 (ESV)**

"Even before a word is on my tongue you, O Lord, know it all together."

#### **Isaiah 46:10 (NLT)**

Only I can tell you the future before it even happens. Everything I plan will come to pass, for I do whatever I wish.

### Romans 11:33-36 (NASB '95)

Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! <sup>34</sup> For who has KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, OR WHO BECAME HIS COUNSELOR? <sup>35</sup> Or WHO HAS FIRST GIVEN TO HIM THAT IT MIGHT BE PAID BACK TO HIM AGAIN? <sup>36</sup> For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him *be* the glory forever.

Amen.

## 3. Sacrificial King

- Sacrificial King (11:8-9)
- Like the sacrificial lambs, Jesus entered Jerusalem on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of Nisan (1<sup>st</sup> month of Jewish calendar year)
- Like the sacrificial lambs, Jesus was offered as a sacrifice on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of Nisan
- Like the sacrificial lambs, Jesus gave (up) his life (spirit) at the ninth hour

### Philip Brooks on Jesus Christ

"He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty. Then for three years He was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family or owned a house. He never went to college. He never travelled two hundred miles from the place He was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but Himself. He was only thirty-three when the tide of public opinion turned against Him.

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His friends ran away. He was nailed to the cross between two thieves. When He was dead, He was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend. Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today He is the central figure of the human race, and the leader of the column of progress. I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man on earth as has that One Solitary Life."

# Significance as Disciples: S.O.S

#### **SERVE**

Because He is the Servant King, we must serve (11:2-3)

The Lord needs you!

The Lord chooses to carry out His plan through us!

# Significance as Disciples: S.O.S

### **OBEY**

Because He is the Sovereign King, we must obey (11:4)

"Only those who obey can believe and only those who believe can obey." Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"The Christian who claim the promises of God should also obey the commands of God."

# Significance as Disciples: S.O.S

#### **SACRIFICE**

Because He is the Sacrificial King, we must sacrifice (11:8)

To sacrifice is to offer one's talents, treasure, time as a demonstration of devotion and obedience for God's glory.

God say(s), "I want you."

Will you sacrifice?

