

Mark 11: 1-11

(also Psalm: 118: 19-29, Zechariah 9: 9,10)

Jesus asks –

‘What do you want me to do for you? (Ch 10) How would we respond to that question?

The context of this passage

At what stage in Jesus’ life is this taking place?

What is about to happen?

What is going on in Jerusalem at this time?

Who is he with?

The fair-weather followers – vs 8-11

What had this crowd got right?

What happens to them when they get to Jerusalem?

What sort of kingdom might they have been hoping for? (See Lk 24:21)

What can be the equivalent of that for us today?

How can we be fair-weather followers?

The deliberate donkey – vs 1-7

Why does Jesus go to such lengths to organise this mode of transport?

(See Zechariah 9: 9-10)

How does it help our faith to know that Jesus fulfils old testament prophecies about him?

What are some other similar prophecies or bible passages or ‘deliberate donkeys’ which help to anchor our faith?

The king of kings vs 1-11

How does Jesus entry into Jerusalem contrast with a normal victory parade?

What is the characteristic of Jesus that is drawn out from this? (Zech 9)

What does this humility look like in Jesus life?

How is it something that we can live out in our lives?

In what way is Jesus the real ‘king of kings’?

How will his future reign ‘to the ends of the earth’ come about?

What does this mean for how we live our Christian lives?

James & John & Blind Bartimaeus – Ch 10

What do you want me to do for you? How did they respond to this question?

How would we respond to this question having looked at Mk 11?

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