



Sermon Overview

Chapter 11 essentially begins the last chapter of Jesus' life. We notice that in 10:46-52 he allows people (like blind Bartimaeus) to call him the Messiah openly. This can mean only one thing – nothing else needs to happen before he is crucified! He knows that an open declaration of his identity will lead to execution, so the countdown begins. Chapters 11 through 15 compress several weeks of teaching and activity in one symbolic week of Jesus' life, consuming nearly a third of Mark's gospel. The disproportionate length shows that the gospels are not a biography. These chapters are the climax and fulfillment of Jesus' ministry, not simply the end of it.

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Getting Started

1. What are elements of the Christian life that you are tempted to follow with more dedication than the actual person of Jesus?

Starting with God

2. Read Mark 11:1-6. A full six verses are devoted to finding a colt for Jesus to ride. Now, read Zechariah 9:9. What does it teach us that Jesus has this so well planned out? What are some practical and personal applications for us?

6. What is Jesus promising in verses 22-24 and requiring in verse 25? How does that follow from his judgment on the tree and the temple?

Living God's Word

7. Reflect on question one from this weeks study guide (above) and your answer(s). State what you've learned about the person and work of Jesus and what he desires for his followers in the area of worship, fruitfulness and prayer?

Prayer

*Father God,
Thank you for your perfect plan of redemption. Please give me the eyes to see
and ears to hear you as the ultimate desire in life. Please show me the traditions and
distractions in my life and worship that have become idols and keep me from
the joy of worshipping you and pointing others to you.
Amen.*