



STUDY 2 - SUNDAY

Mark 11

Read Mark 11:1-11

Watch video

1. What incident from John 12 and our first study, sets the backdrop for the week ahead? What was the significance of Mary's actions? And yet, what does John also want us to take on board as the week begins?
2. Now in Mark 11, we see Jesus heading into the city. We can only speculate, but what sort of things might have been going through Jesus' mind as he did so? (You can read one such thought in Luke 13:31-35 – though this incident is not necessarily from Jesus' final week.)
3. What was the significance of Jesus using a colt – a donkey – and one upon which no one had ever ridden? And what are we to make of them spreading their cloaks on the road? And what was the significance of the crowds shouting *Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!* (For some background see Zechariah 9:9-10 and 2 Kings 9:13).
4. See the last verses of Luke's version – Luke 19:39-40: what did Jesus mean by his claim that if the crowd was prohibited from proclaiming Jesus the King, the very stones would cry out?
5. Chris used a phrase repeatedly – 'appearances can be deceiving'. How did Jesus' entry to the city contrast with more typical entries in to the city by great ones? How does Jesus' kingship stand in contrast with today's world leaders?
6. Someone comments to you "you take this whole Jesus thing so seriously! Jesus is important to me, yes, but I'm not going to allow him to take over my whole life!" How do you begin to respond?
7. Chris said that if Jesus is our King, we will want to know what he says to us in the Bible. "No Bible, no breakfast" is a helpful discipline Chris lives by. Good idea? What keeps us from reading the Bible as we ought?

What new things did you learn in this study? What action will you take as we increasingly recognise Jesus as King?

Reflection: Don't fall for the 'flashy, but fruitless'. That's religion. That's politics. It's not Christianity. We must fall for Jesus!