

MARK: THE JESUS YOU NEED TO KNOW PART 9
“THE KING WHO CONFRONTS”
SCRIPTURE: MARK 11:1-33
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INTRODUCTION

- Psalm 121 - Psalm of Ascent
- Idols of false gods would be placed high on hill tops.
- Help comes from beyond those hills, our God made the hills those false gods, idols, sit on.

I. SUNDAY: WELCOMING THE KING

- Mark 11:9b-10 NIV, “Hosanna!” “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!” ¹⁰ “Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!” “Hosanna in the highest heaven!”
- The crowd saw a parade. Jesus saw a problem.
- Not the King they Wanted - Hosana – Messianic term
- It is possible to identify who Jesus is without understanding what it actually means.
- Psalm 122, “...O Jerusalem...⁵ Here stand the thrones where judgment is given, the thrones of the dynasty of David.⁶ Pray for peace in Jerusalem...”
- Vs.5 – Jesus will take the seat of judgment for us.
- Vss. 6-8 – Peace: The path to true *Shalom* is never placid, it is always disruptive, before it is complete.
- Jesus always looks past outward appearance and speaks to the heart.

II. MONDAY: NO FRUIT

- Mark 11:12–14, “The next morning...Jesus was hungry. ¹³ He noticed a fig tree...But there were only leaves... ¹⁴ Then Jesus said to the tree, “May no one ever eat your fruit again!”
- Jesus is not looking for impressive appearance. He is looking for real fruit – evidence of surrender to His Kingship.
- The King doesn’t just confront obvious sin, but spiritual emptiness disguised as life.

- Mark 11:20-25, “The next morning as they passed by the fig tree He had cursed, the disciples noticed it had withered from the roots up...”

III. MONDAY: CONFRONTATION IN THE TEMPLE

- Mark 11:20-25, “When they arrived back in Jerusalem, Jesus entered the Temple and began to drive out the people buying and selling animals for sacrifices. He knocked over the tables of the money changers and the chairs of those selling doves, ¹⁶ and He stopped everyone from using the Temple as a marketplace. ¹⁷ He said to them, “The Scriptures declare, ‘My Temple will be called a house of prayer for all nations,’ but you have turned it into a den of thieves...”
- Jesus confronts what we normalize.
- He exposes what we excuse.
- He overturns what we have learned to live with.
- He challenges what drives His people away from their Father.
- The King who saves is also the King who cleans.
- When Jesus cleanses what is corrupt, people must decide what they will do with His authority.
- Jesus will disrupt us before we begin to experience peace.

IV. TUESDAY: THE NATURE OF AUTHORITY

- Mark 11:27-33, “...As Jesus was walking through the Temple area, the leading priests, the teachers of religious law, and the elders came up to Him. ²⁸ They demanded, “By what authority are you doing all these things? ...²⁹ “I’ll tell you by what authority I do these things if you answer one question...”
- It is possible to admire Jesus and still refuse His authority.
- It is possible to debate Jesus, question Jesus, and analyze Jesus while avoiding surrender to Jesus.
- Sometimes our questions are not really about clarity; they are about control.

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- Every confrontation in Mark 11 leads to a decision about who has the right to define our lives.
- The end goal of confrontation is restoration.
- What is He confronting in You?