

The King is Coming

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Mark 11:1-26.

B. Event: Jesus' triumphal entry.

II. Jesus made some prearrangements to fulfill the prophecies told about Him.

A. The prophets foretold that Jesus would come in on a colt. (Zechariah 9)

B. Jesus knew the hour and the day that this event would occur. (Daniel)

III. Jesus did not arrange all of it—the response of the crowd, the feeling of the city and other things were beyond His control. (Psalm 110, Matthew 19)

IV. The purpose of the Lord's visit—He came to make an inspection tour into the heart of the nation.

1. He saw commercialism, exploitation, corruption, injustice, pride, hypocrisy, etc.

2. God comes into our lives this way.

V. The result of Jesus' inspection.

1. He cursed the fig tree, which was symbolic of the nation.

2. Jesus cleansed the temple symbolizing the cleansing of all false manifestations.

a. Jesus refused to recognize the value of the Temple sacrifices at this point.

b. This was the cursing of the heart of this nation.

c. The nation was cursed because they lost faith in God.

VI. The secret to doing something great is believing it is going to happen.

1. The great block to faith is pride.

2. Pride blocks the life of God in one's life.

3. A believer has the power to have this removed when he asks God for power to forgive in prayer.

4. The believer must recognize that he also needs God's forgiveness like those who have transgressed against him.

Application questions:

1. Why is it important to recognize that God sees us in every matter of our lives?

2. How is pride a block to faith?

3. Are you holding any resentment that is hindering your prayers? What steps can you take to have peace of mind towards others who have harmed you?
