

*TRAGEDY OR TRIUMPH?*

**Mark 11:1-11**

Four sections...

## I. THE STRATEGIC PREPARATION

*1 As they approached Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples, 2 said to them, "Go into the village opposite you...*

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*Zech 9:9 - Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; He is just and endowed with salvation, humble, and mounted on a donkey, even on a colt, the foal of a donkey.*

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*3 If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' you say, 'The Lord has need of it'; and immediately he will send it back here." 4 They went away and found a colt tied at the door, outside in the street; and they untied it.*

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FERGUSON – *What a strange way for the Son of David to return to the seat of David’s kingdom.*

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*8 And many spread their coats in the road, and others spread leafy branches which they had cut from the fields.*

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*9 Those who went in front and those who followed...were shouting: "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord;*

*(Psalm 113-118)*

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*Isa 53; Zech 9:9; Zech 13:1*

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*John 12:17–18 - 17 So the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead, continued to testify about Him. 18 For this reason also the people went and met Him, because they heard that He had performed this sign.*

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*Luke 19:41 - When He approached Jerusalem, He saw the city and wept over it...*

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- IV. THE SOBERING PERUSAL

*11 Jesus entered Jerusalem and came into the temple; and after looking around at everything, He left for Bethany with the twelve, since it was already late.*

# IMPLICATIONS...

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*John 6:15 - So Jesus, perceiving that they were intending to come and take Him by force to make Him king, withdrew again to the mountain by Himself alone.*

*Mark 8:31 - And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.*

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FERGUSON – *How mighty and powerful the sword and political power by contrast with King Jesus! Yet we know that His kingdom was established, while the glory that was Rome disappeared into oblivion. We know that what Jesus did in Jerusalem established a kingdom which would outlast all the kingdoms of this world and break in pieces every man-centered kingdom which sets itself against it. Jesus had come to take His throne – but had committed Himself to begin His reign from a cross.*

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