

GOSPEL OF MARK
JESUS CHRIST, SERVANT OF GOD

1. THE TRIUMPHANT ENTRY

- A. **MARK 11:1-33** AS THEY APPROACHED JERUSALEM AND CAME TO BETHPHAGE AND BETHANY AT THE MOUNT OF OLIVES, JESUS SENT TWO OF HIS DISCIPLES, ²SAYING TO THEM, "GO TO THE VILLAGE AHEAD OF YOU, AND JUST AS YOU ENTER IT, YOU WILL FIND A COLT TIED THERE, WHICH NO ONE HAS EVER RIDDEN. UNTIE IT AND BRING IT HERE. ³IF ANYONE ASKS YOU, 'WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?' TELL HIM, 'THE LORD NEEDS IT AND WILL SEND IT BACK HERE SHORTLY.' " ⁴THEY WENT AND FOUND A COLT OUTSIDE IN THE STREET, TIED AT A DOORWAY. AS THEY UNTIED IT, ⁵SOME PEOPLE STANDING THERE ASKED, "WHAT ARE YOU DOING, UNTYING THAT COLT?" ⁶THEY ANSWERED AS JESUS HAD TOLD THEM TO, AND THE PEOPLE LET THEM GO. ⁷WHEN THEY BROUGHT THE COLT TO JESUS AND THREW THEIR CLOAKS OVER IT, HE SAT ON IT. ⁸MANY PEOPLE SPREAD THEIR CLOAKS ON THE ROAD, WHILE OTHERS SPREAD BRANCHES THEY HAD CUT IN THE FIELDS. ⁹THOSE WHO WENT AHEAD AND THOSE WHO FOLLOWED SHOUTED, "HOSANNA!" [SAVED NOW] "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!" ¹¹JESUS ENTERED JERUSALEM AND WENT TO THE TEMPLE. HE LOOKED AROUND AT EVERYTHING, BUT SINCE IT WAS ALREADY LATE, HE WENT OUT TO BETHANY WITH THE TWELVE.

- I. **ZECH. 9:9** REJOICE GREATLY, O DAUGHTER OF ZION! SHOUT, DAUGHTER OF JERUSALEM! SEE, YOUR KING COMES TO YOU, RIGHTEOUS AND HAVING SALVATION, GENTLE AND RIDING ON A DONKEY, ON A COLT, THE FOAL OF A DONKEY.
- II. **HOSEA 5:15** THEN I WILL GO BACK TO MY PLACE UNTIL THEY ADMIT THEIR GUILT .AND THEY WILL SEEK MY FACE; IN THEIR MISERY THEY WILL EARNESTLY SEEK ME."
- III. **ZECH. 12:10** "AND I WILL POUR OUT ON THE HOUSE OF DAVID AND THE INHABITANTS OF JERUSALEM A SPIRIT OF GRACE AND SUPPLICATION. THEY WILL LOOK ON ME, THE ONE THEY HAVE PIERCED, AND THEY WILL MOURN FOR HIM AS ONE MOURNS FOR AN ONLY CHILD, AND GRIEVE BITTERLY FOR HIM AS ONE GRIEVES FOR A FIRSTBORN SON.

IV. 5TH OLD TESTAMENT FULFILLED

- (1) ALL THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE RETURN OF JESUS, THE KING HAVE NOT BEEN MET. JESUS WILL COME AS BOTH THE RELIGIOUS LEADER, OUR HIGH PRIEST, AND OUR KING, THE LORD.

2. THE COVENANT OF THE LAW IS DEAD

A. PICTURE ONE

- I. **MARK 11:** ¹²THE NEXT DAY AS THEY WERE LEAVING BETHANY, JESUS WAS HUNGRY. ¹³SEEING IN THE DISTANCE A FIG TREE IN LEAF, HE WENT TO FIND OUT IF IT HAD ANY FRUIT. WHEN HE REACHED IT, HE FOUND NOTHING BUT LEAVES, BECAUSE IT WAS NOT THE SEASON FOR FIGS. ¹⁴THEN HE SAID TO THE TREE, "MAY NO ONE EVER EAT FRUIT FROM YOU AGAIN." AND HIS DISCIPLES HEARD HIM SAY IT.

B. PICTURE TWO

- I. **MARK 11:** ¹⁵ON REACHING JERUSALEM, JESUS ENTERED THE TEMPLE AREA AND BEGAN DRIVING OUT THOSE WHO WERE BUYING AND SELLING THERE. HE OVERTURNED THE TABLES OF THE MONEY CHANGERS AND THE BENCHES OF THOSE SELLING DOVES, ¹⁶AND WOULD NOT ALLOW ANYONE TO CARRY MERCHANDISE THROUGH THE TEMPLE COURTS. ¹⁷AND AS HE TAUGHT THEM, HE SAID, "IS IT NOT WRITTEN: " 'MY HOUSE WILL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL NATIONS'? BUT YOU HAVE MADE IT 'A DEN

OF ROBBERS.'" ¹⁸THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND THE TEACHERS OF THE LAW HEARD THIS AND BEGAN LOOKING FOR A WAY TO KILL HIM, FOR THEY FEARED HIM, BECAUSE THE WHOLE CROWD WAS AMAZED AT HIS TEACHING. ¹⁹WHEN EVENING CAME, THEY WENT OUT OF THE CITY.

C. PICTURE THREE

I. MARK 11: ²⁰IN THE MORNING, AS THEY WENT ALONG, THEY SAW THE FIG TREE WITHERED FROM THE ROOTS. ²¹PETER REMEMBERED AND SAID TO JESUS, "RABBI, LOOK! THE FIG TREE YOU CURSED HAS WITHERED!" ²²"HAVE FAITH IN GOD," JESUS ANSWERED. ²³"I TELL YOU THE TRUTH, IF ANYONE SAYS TO THIS MOUNTAIN, 'GO, THROW YOURSELF INTO THE SEA,' AND DOES NOT DOUBT IN HIS HEART BUT BELIEVES THAT WHAT HE SAYS WILL HAPPEN, IT WILL BE DONE FOR HIM. ²⁴THEREFORE I TELL YOU, WHATEVER YOU ASK FOR IN PRAYER, BELIEVE THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED IT, AND IT WILL BE YOURS. ²⁵AND WHEN YOU STAND PRAYING, IF YOU HOLD ANYTHING AGAINST ANYONE, FORGIVE HIM, SO THAT YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN MAY FORGIVE YOU YOUR SINS."

II. 17TH NEW TESTAMENT PROPHECY

III. 6TH OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY FULFILLED.

IV. HERE YOU SEE ONE OF THE PANORAMA PICTURERS THAT MARK DRAWS. IT STARTED WITH JESUS AND THE FIG TREE THAT IS NOT PRODUCING FRUIT.

V. IT THEN GOES TO THE TEMPLE WHERE THERE IS NO FRUIT BEING PRODUCED.

(1) **JEREMIAH 8:13** " I WILL TAKE AWAY THEIR HARVEST, DECLARES THE LORD.

THERE WILL BE NO GRAPES ON THE VINE. THERE WILL BE NO FIGS ON THE TREE, AND THEIR LEAVES WILL . WHAT I HAVE GIVEN THEM WILL BE TAKEN FROM THE WITHER M.' "

(2) **HOSEA 9:10-16** "WHEN I FOUND ISRAEL, IT WAS LIKE FINDING GRAPES IN THE DESERT; WHEN I SAW YOUR FATHERS, IT WAS LIKE SEEING THE EARLY FRUIT ON THE FIG TREE. BUT WHEN THEY CAME TO BAAL PEOR, THEY CONSECRATED THEMSELVES TO THAT SHAMEFUL IDOL AND BECAME AS VILE AS THE THING THEY LOVED. ¹¹EPHRAIM'S GLORY WILL FLY AWAY LIKE A BIRD— NO BIRTH, NO PREGNANCY, NO CONCEPTION. ¹²EVEN IF THEY REAR CHILDREN, I WILL BEREAVE THEM OF EVERY ONE. WOE TO THEM WHEN I TURN AWAY FROM THEM! ¹³I HAVE SEEN EPHRAIM, LIKE TYRE, PLANTED IN A PLEASANT PLACE. BUT EPHRAIM WILL BRING OUT THEIR CHILDREN TO THE SLAYER." ¹⁴GIVE THEM, O LORD--WHAT WILL YOU GIVE THEM? GIVE THEM WOMBS THAT MISCARRY AND BREASTS THAT ARE DRY. ¹⁵"BECAUSE OF ALL THEIR WICKEDNESS IN GILGAL, I HATED THEM THERE. BECAUSE OF THEIR SINFUL DEEDS, I WILL DRIVE THEM OUT OF MY HOUSE. I WILL NO LONGER LOVE THEM; ALL THEIR LEADERS ARE REBELLIOUS. ¹⁶EPHRAIM IS BLIGHTED, THEIR ROOT IS WITHERED, THEY YIELD NO FRUIT. EVEN IF THEY BEAR CHILDREN, I WILL SLAY THEIR CHERISHED OFFSPRING."

(3) **JOEL 1:7** IT HAS LAID WASTE MY VINES AND RUINED MY FIG TREES. IT HAS STRIPPED OFF THEIR BARK AND THROWN IT AWAY, LEAVING THEIR BRANCHES WHITE.

VI. IT RETURNS TO THE FIG TREE, WITH THE WORDS THAT IT DIED FROM THE ROOTS UP, JUST AS THE OLD COVENANT.

VII. THEN JESUS TIES WHAT MAN SHOULD BE. THOSE ABLE TO SEE THE THINGS THAT THEY SPEAK COME ABOUT. THIS GOES BACK TO WHAT HE SAID SHOULD BE HAPPENING IN THE TEMPLE.

(1) WHAT SHOULD THAT TELL US TODAY.

3. AUTHORITY QUESTIONED - HUMAN POLITICS OR THINGS OF GOD

A. MARK 11: ²⁷THEY ARRIVED AGAIN IN JERUSALEM, AND WHILE JESUS WAS WALKING IN THE TEMPLE COURTS, THE CHIEF PRIESTS, THE TEACHERS OF THE LAW AND THE ELDERS CAME TO HIM. ²⁸"BY WHAT AUTHORITY ARE YOU DOING THESE THINGS?" THEY ASKED. "AND WHO GAVE YOU AUTHORITY TO DO THIS?" ²⁹JESUS REPLIED, "I WILL ASK YOU ONE QUESTION. ANSWER ME, AND I WILL TELL YOU BY WHAT AUTHORITY I AM DOING THESE THINGS. ³⁰JOHN'S BAPTISM--WAS IT FROM HEAVEN, OR FROM MEN? TELL ME!" ³¹THEY DISCUSSED IT AMONG THEMSELVES AND SAID, "IF WE SAY, 'FROM HEAVEN,' HE WILL ASK, 'THEN WHY DIDN'T YOU BELIEVE HIM?' ³²BUT IF WE SAY, 'FROM MEN' . . ." (THEY FEARED THE PEOPLE, FOR EVERYONE HELD THAT JOHN REALLY WAS A PROPHET.) ³³SO THEY ANSWERED JESUS, "WE DON'T KNOW." JESUS SAID, "NEITHER WILL I TELL YOU BY WHAT AUTHORITY I AM DOING THESE THINGS."

I. HERE IS THE QUESTION, BY WHAT AUTHORITY DO YOU DO THINGS?

(1) WHERE DO WE GET DIRECTION FROM OUR LIVES?

II. THE AUTHORITY OF THE BIBLE IS IN QUESTION TODAY, HOW DOES THAT EFFECT US?

III. DO WE EVER STOP TO THINK ABOUT HOW LITTLE "THE CHURCH WORLD" REALLY BELIEVES?