

Introduction:

Jesus' entry into Jerusalem is one of the few events found in all four gospels. In the Gospel of Mark we witness Jesus' intentional and triumphal entry into the city, and the question on everyone's mind is, "Who is Jesus?" You can find Pastor Mark's sermon notes [here](#)¹ or listen to the sermon by clicking [here](#).²



Scripture:

Please read [Mark 11:1-11](#). For the parallel accounts in the other three gospels see [Matthew 21:1-6](#); [Luke 19:28-40](#); [John 12:12-19](#). [Click here for a PDF containing all four text.](#)

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So What?

Rather than being four accounts at odds with one another, the four gospel accounts help us to understand the depth and richness of Jesus' ministry here on earth. Pastor Mark helped us see the chronological events of the four gospel accounts together as a whole. We see that Jesus' entry into the city is an intentional event meant to fulfill scripture. “As Jesus enters Jerusalem, the entire city is stirred (Matthew 21:10, 11; Mark 11:11). The crowds are confronted with the question, “Who is Jesus?” Some view him as the Messiah while others believe he is a prophet. Throughout his ministry in general and this day in particular, Jesus demonstrated his credentials. He is the suffering servant of Isaiah. He has the power over sickness and death. He knows all. He is Lord of all. He fulfills prophecy. He is the King who brings peace. He accepts worship. He is compassionate and caring. *Jesus is the Sovereign King who brings salvation.*”³

What Now?

1. There are many groups today that deceitfully teach that Jesus never claimed to be God. Each of the accounts of the Triumphal Entry are evidence against this false claim. Jesus was called the King of Israel and he was the object of praise and of divine titles. Not only did he accept this, but he himself said that his praise was foretold by scripture. We must cling to the Biblically based truth that Jesus is God, because to deny this is to deny God himself.
2. In John's account of this event he states that “The crowd that had been with [Jesus] when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness.”⁴ We have the benefit of having all that Jesus said and did being written down for us in the Bible. Reading the accounts of Jesus' life and ministry should motivate us to sharing the amazing and powerful evidence of his deity and of all that he has done for us.
3. Although the people celebrated Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem, there were many who did not understand what he had come to do. Rather than coming to establish a political agenda (many thought the Messiah would come to free the Israelites from Rome's tyranny) Jesus came to save us from our sin and to unite us with God. While it is true that, as Christians, we should participate in our political system in a way that agrees with our faith, we should not place *our hope* in political solutions. Our hope is in Jesus Christ, and that is the hope we should eagerly share with the world around us.

¹ <https://whhttps://wheelsms.wordpress.com/category/gospel-of-mark/eelsms.wordpress.com/2015/08/09/mission-414/>

² <http://www.firstcentralbaptist.com/sermons/gospelofmark.html>

³ The full text of this excerpt can be found in the Pastor's sermon notes.

⁴ John 12:17 ESV

