

THE GOSPEL OF MARK "Entry"

BEGINNING OF ACT III

*One third of Mark's Gospel is dedicated to Jesus' last week.

JESUS NEW TACTIC

*From "Don't Tell" to "Look and Listen to me."

*Jesus sets up His transportation and His Image—here comes the King.

-Zechariah 9:9-10, Genesis 49:10-11, 1 Kings 1:38-40

RED CARPET TREATMENT

*Totally unnecessary and extravagant unless you were making a point. 1

Kings 1:38-48, 2 Kings 9:13

CROWD RESPONSE

*The crowd saw all this as a deserved honoring of the great prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee, Matthew 21:11

*Jesus referred to the coming "Kingdom of God." The 'father David' is not part of Psalm 118 or of any Psalm. The reference to the coming kingdom is certainly eschatological, but the reference to 'our father David' is not found in Judaism, is not messianic, as 'son of David' would be. This shows a confusion on the part of the crowd about Jesus' true mission. SHOCK AND SURPRISE

*Psalm 118 is quoted but was a song addressed to every pilgrim who entered the temple and was recited at the end of every festival.

*Others saw it as an over-exuberant welcome, Luke 19:39-40, John 12:19.

*Not even the disciples truly understood, again no surprise, the significance that Jesus gave to this event, John 12:16.

ANTICLIMACTIC OR CALM BEFORE THE STORM?

*"He looked around at everything." Jesus doesn't tour the temple as a tourist, dazzled by the gold, the white marble or the gigantic stones. He doesn't visit it out of reverence, he offers no prayers, no sacrifices. He enters the temple as prophesied in Malachi 3:1-2, a passage Mark quoted in Mark 1:2

*Did time run on Jesus before he could do anything or was time running out for the temple. A temple he designed. A temple that was a replica of what was in heaven. Hebrews 8:5.

*The Temple would be where he would spend the majority of his time in the last week.

*Can you picture Jesus walking around the Temple? Remembering when he was 12 years old talking with the religious leaders, Luke 2:41-50.

*Can you picture Jesus touching the doors, the walls, the altars, smelling the incense, remembering the Temple in Heaven and realizing that its purpose was coming to an end?

Mark 11:1-11 (NIV)

(1) As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, (2) saying 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. (3) If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' tell him, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'" (4) They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, (5) some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" (6) They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. (7) When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. (8) Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. (9) Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "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!" (11) Jesus 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.