

# Who Do We Trust?

Gospel of Mark Series – Part 34

Scripture text – Mark 11:1-11

## Introduction

- Mark's Gospel stands apart for its laser-like focus on \_\_\_\_\_. Now, after 10 chapters, the focus narrows to a single \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus' life.

## Part 1: What the Passage Reveals about Christ

1. His \_\_\_\_\_
  - Understanding his insistence on entering Jerusalem on a \_\_\_\_\_ requires some familiarity with the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - He was declaring himself \_\_\_\_\_ of Israel.
2. His \_\_\_\_\_
  - Riding a donkey was not to diminish his glory, but to juxtapose it with his \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Jonathan Edwards: In Christ, and uniquely so, are personal traits that are utterly \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Perhaps most remarkable is that Christ is of infinite glory, majesty and power, yet of lowest \_\_\_\_\_.

## Part 2: What the Passage Reveals about Humanity

- The typical lesson drawn from this passage is about how \_\_\_\_\_ we can be.
- This isn't the lesson of this passage:
  1. It's unlikely the crowd was very \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. Once they entered the city, they quickly \_\_\_\_\_.
- Instead, this was a \_\_\_\_\_ rally, and what it reveals is our tendency toward political \_\_\_\_\_.
- Anything can become an \_\_\_\_\_, and what happens in political idolatry, is that we begin fixating on what \_\_\_\_\_ can do for us.
- One of the main signs of political idolatry is \_\_\_\_\_ of what will happen if our favored politician or political party is out of \_\_\_\_\_.
- The crowd was only interested in what Jesus could do for them \_\_\_\_\_.

- Waving palm branches was emblematic of the \_\_\_\_\_ revolt of 166 BC.

### Conclusion

- On a personal level, there are 3 questions that might help expose political idolatry:
  1. Who or what is ruling my \_\_\_\_\_?
  2. Who or what am I \_\_\_\_\_ to provide for my future?
  3. How am I thinking about & treating people who \_\_\_\_\_ with me?