

Gospel of Mark: The King's Cross

Study 2: Our King's Coming

READ Mk 11:1-11 & Lk 19:41-44 and LISTEN to the [sermon](#) by Pastor Craig.

Big idea: Jesus is the King who has come, who is reigning and who will return. Because of this reality all people are to acknowledge Him as King, live for Him as King and joyfully wait for His kingly return.

1. Read the following quote from Steve Lambert, in *It is Well* by Mark Dever, and explain how Mohammed's entrance into Mecca and Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem were symbolic of the movements they initiated – for them as leaders and for those who follow them.

In no other manner are the differences between Muslims and Christians more sharply contrasted than in the difference between the characters and legacies of their prophets. Perhaps the contrast is best symbolized by the way Mohammed entered Mecca and Jesus entered Jerusalem. Mohammed rode into Mecca on a warhorse, surrounded by 400 mounted men and 10,000-foot soldiers. Those who greeted him were absorbed into his movement; those who resisted him were vanquished, killed, or enslaved. Mohammed conquered Mecca, and took control as its new religious, political, and military leader. Today, in the Topkapi Palace in Istanbul, Turkey, Mohammed's purported sword is proudly on display ... Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey, accompanied by his 12 disciples. He was welcomed and greeted by people waving palm fronds – a traditional sign of peace. Jesus wept over Jerusalem because the Jews mistook him for an earthly, secular king who was to free them from the yoke of Rome, whereas Jesus came to establish a much different, heavenly kingdom. Jesus came by invitation and not by force.

2. Read vv. 2-6. Some scholars believe that Jesus had prearranged the colt instead of Him foreknowing what would take place. What do you think? How does your answer impact your understanding of Christ's nature and His control over events during Passover week?
3. In light of Zech 9:9-10 (also Num 19:2 and Deut 21:3), what do you think is the significance of Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a colt, and that, an unriden colt?
4. The crowds cried out "Hosanna!", which literally means "Save us!". How is this cry descriptive of what Christ came to achieve? What are evidences for Jesus' current reign today? (Luke 17:20-21; John 3:3)
5. Do you think you would have been among those who welcomed Jesus to Jerusalem with shouts of "Hosanna", or do you think you would have shouted "Crucify Him!" a few days later (15:13)? Why?
6. How will Jesus' second coming be similar, yet different, to his first coming? Read Acts 1:11-12; Zech 9:9-10, 14:4; and Rev 19:11-21.

7. From Acts 1:6-8, what should be our response to Jesus' coming, reign, and return? In what practical ways will you express this this week?

STOP AND PRAY:

Praise: *Jesus that He came to destroy sin, is reigning, and will return.*

Pray: *that you might live in humble submission to Christ as His kingdom citizen.*

Commit: *to the King's commission to proclaim the gospel by praying for opportunities this week. Be ready to share answers to prayer with your group.*