

## King Arrives in to Jerusalem - Mark 11: 1-11, 15-19

**Q. Describe your ideal leader.**

**Q. What are the most important qualities you look for in a leader?**

A major Gospel theme, the major theme of the last few chapters and sermons we have preached in recent weeks is humility. Over and over again, Jesus is modeling and speaking about humility. The incident recorded in the first 11 verses of Mark 11 shows Jesus announcing Himself as a king, but unlike every other king on record, He doesn't arrive in splendor, mounted upon a 'noble steed' but on a donkey!

**Q. Why do you think a donkey was chosen for Jesus' arrival into Jerusalem?**

- **Read Revelation 5: 5-6**

This is how John sees Christ in his vision in Revelation, he is told to look for a Lion and turns to see a Lamb! But this is the incredible reality of who Jesus is, He is the Lamb, He is the Lion...

Jesus comes for sinners, not as a lion roaring; He doesn't get into your face and accuse you and call you unclean. He comes in weakness for sinners, He comes in humility, riding on a donkey, to suffer and die, in order to make you clean. For Christians to be 'like Jesus' means we approach 'sinners' like a lamb, not a lion.

**Q. What does it mean for us to be 'lamb-like' in how we engage unbelievers with the Gospel?**

**Q. Have you ever suffered ridicule for being a Christian?**

- **Read Mark 11: 15-19**

This isn't Jesus being 'gentle' here, this isn't the lamb; this is the lion that displays incredible power, strength, conviction, boldness and authority. When it comes to sin, blatant, deceitful, 'pharisaical' sin, He roars! Those who wear the robes, who call themselves 'religious', who claim to be holy and yet are whitewashed tombs, inside there's the stench of a rotting, decaying corpse – they see a different side to Jesus.

**Q. Why was it that Jesus reacted to angrily to the corruption in the temple?**

Of all the things he encountered during his earthly ministry, of betrayal, false accusations, horrific torture, barbaric death, during none of these does he raise his voice and roar, indeed on the cross he prays for his executioners forgiveness. He saves his roar for this. Our God hates false worship and hypocrisy.

When it comes to sin we need to be fierce like a lion. Truth is, a lot of the time we are more like domesticated house cats when it comes to the sin in our lives, than fierce lions.

**Q. How can we practically deal with sin in our lives?**

If you want to be like Jesus, then become like a lamb toward sinners and a lion toward sin

When the Lion roars over us, he is ushering us into victory! That is what repenting from sin is all about, stepping into the victory of Christ. The roar of the resurrected king!