**Lord, Save Now!**

Mark 11:1-10

In the Gospel of Mark, chapter 11, verses 1-10, we read about Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. As Jesus and His disciples approached the holy city, He sent two followers ahead to find a colt for Him to ride on. Jesus told them that if anyone asked why they were untying the colt, they should say, "The Lord has need of it." This shows Jesus' divine authority and foreknowledge, as He knew exactly where and how He would enter Jerusalem.

The disciples brought the colt to Jesus, and He sat on it as He entered the city. As Jesus rode in, the people spread their cloaks on the road and waved palm branches, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our Father, David, that is coming! Hosanna in the highest!" This exclamation of "Hosanna" means "Lord, save now," it reflects the people's desire for Jesus to bring salvation and deliverance to them.

The people recognized Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah who would bring freedom and redemption to Israel. They saw Him as the fulfillment of the prophecies in the Old Testament, particularly in Zechariah 9:9, which says, "*Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey."* By riding into Jerusalem on a colt, Jesus intentionally fulfilled this prophecy and proclaimed Himself the promised King.

As we reflect on this passage, we are reminded of the significance of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. It was a moment of triumph and celebration as the people recognized Jesus as their savior and king. The cry of "Lord, save now" also reminds us to turn to Jesus for salvation and deliverance in our lives. Just as the people of Jerusalem welcomed Jesus with shouts of praise and adoration, may we also welcome Him into our hearts and lives, confessing Him as our Lord and Savior.

 Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem also reminds us of His divine authority and role as the Messiah. The cry of "Hosanna" reflects the people's recognition of Jesus as the one who can save and deliver them. As we meditate on this passage, may we also cry out to Jesus, saying, "Lord, save now," and welcome Him into our lives as our King and Savior.

Happy Resurrection!

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