

Does the Lord Need Anything?

Mark 11:1-14

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I. The Lord is Sovereign. Mark 11:1-6

"The owner relinquished his rights and _____ of the colt and recognized something or someone more powerful than him was exercising their rights to the use of that animal." (Barry Raeburn)

- Jesus is the Sovereign Lord who is in control, but He uses earthly things to _____ His sovereign plan.

I want to encourage you; **"the Lord has need of you"**, not because He _____ do something without your help, but because He wants to bless you as He uses you to further His Kingdom!

II. Fulfilled prophecy. Mark 11:7-11

The Promised Messiah first visited the earth as a _____ servant, to pay for our sin, before taking His throne. This is also a fulfillment of another prophecy about the Messiah. **Zechariah 9:9**

- The Disciples didn't understand Jesus was not coming as the physical king to fight Rome, but instead as the **King of _____!**

Daniel 9:25 said, from the edict of Artaxerxes to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, there would be 69, seven-year periods, **"Until _____ the Prince"**.

The word **hosanna** means save, rescue, savior, or save now! Jesus is the One true Messiah, so the crowd is basically shouting, **"Save us _____!"**

III. Jesus was in control of the fig tree. Mark 11:12-14

These particular fig trees would never have leaves, without also having figs; so, this tree was a picture of _____ advertising.

- Jesus was not cursing Israel, rather He was cursing those who were professing belief in God with their mouths, but their _____ were far from Him. **Matthew 15:8-9**

"God isn't pleased when His people are all leaves and no _____." (Guzik)

IV. Practical Application.

Does the Lord _____ anything from His creation?

- **Workmanship** *"that which is made, a _____ product."*

The Lord is telling us that He made us fully able to accomplish that which He has created and made us for; it is in the _____ of our new nature to do the good works He has prepared for us.

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

1. Read **Mark 11:1-6** and discuss what is meant by the Lord has need of the donkey and its foal. *In what ways does the Lord have need of His followers?*
John 15:16, James 4:14, Ecclesiastes 3:11, Colossian 1:16, Romans 12:1-2, Proverbs 16:4
2. Read **Mark 11:7-10** and **Daniel 9:25-26**. *How close to the day was this prediction fulfilled? What other predictions were fulfilled on the day of the Triumphant Entry? What can we personally learn by these biblical predictions?*
Zechariah 9:9, 2 Kings 9:13, Leviticus 23:40, Psalm 118:26-28, Luke 19:39-44
3. *What did the people of Jerusalem, as well as the Disciples, misunderstand about the prophecy of the Messiah?*
Zechariah 9:10, John 12:16, Isaiah 52:13—53:12
4. *What is the significance of the word **workmanship** in **Ephesians 2:10**? How would thinking of yourself as God's workmanship affect the way you conduct your life?*
Romans 1:20, 2 Corinthians 5:17
5. *How have you seen God working in you lately? What good work is God giving you to do, with His power, this week?*
6. Discuss the Practical Application portion of the sermon.