March 28, 2021 Lenten Devotional
Mark 11:1-11 – “Jesus Enters Jerusalem”
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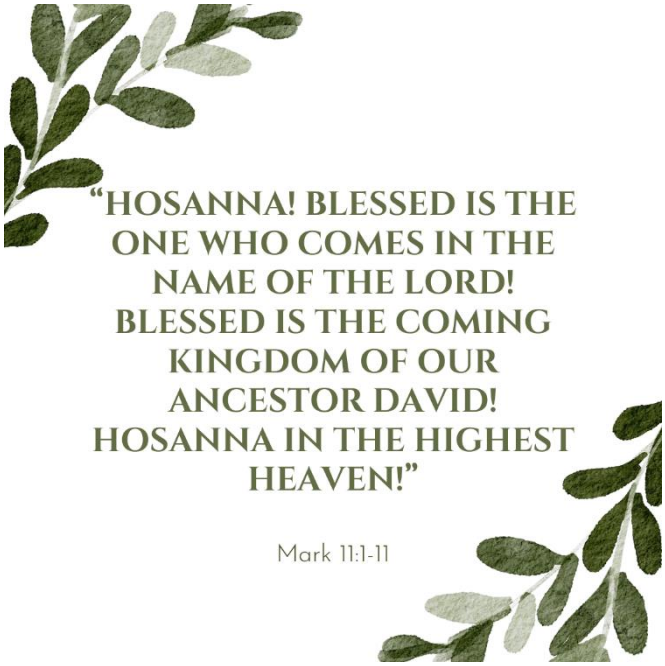
When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, ‘Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, “Why are you doing this?” just say this, “The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.” ’ They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, ‘What are you doing, untying the colt?’ They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,



‘Hosanna!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!’

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

-Mark 11:1-11

Reflection

During difficult times it is hard to know how to properly prepare for life challenges. In a year that was so unpredictable like 2020, I found myself unsure of how to provide support to my friends, family and co-workers who were experiencing hardships amid the pandemic.

We have all had to face challenges during this time that we would have otherwise not been prepared for. I found comfort in this passage because Jesus is instructing the disciples to go retrieve what is needed for his entry into Jerusalem. Jesus knows that what he is in need of has already been provided for him by God to aid him through this difficult time.

This passage is one of my favorites in the bible because Jesus goes towards an uncomfortable situation even though it will cost him everything. To me, this is one of the greatest examples of Jesus' faith that God will support him through his hardship.

As the church today, we are often tasked with supporting each other through the hard times. It is my belief that God will provide us with the tools, knowledge and the faith to be able handle life's challenges and hardships. It is my hope and prayer that the hardship we endure today will enable us to provide a clearer path for those who will succeed us. They in turn will do the work to prepare the way for those yet to begin the journey.