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Mark 11:1-11

### *The (Anti) Triumphal Entry*

1. Kevin asserts that we have a terrible habit of creating Jesus in our own image and it is important that we challenge our own assumptions about Jesus. How has our study of Mark challenged your assumptions about Jesus?
2. Read Mark 11:1-6 and Zachariah 9:9. What can we learn about Jesus and his kingdom from these verses? Do these verses challenge your prior assumptions about Jesus?
3. Read Mark 11:7-11. What do you observe about Jesus from these verses?
4. Discuss the following classic quote from C.S. Lewis

*"I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: 'I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept His claim to be God.' That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic - on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg - or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to." - C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity, 52.*

5. How does this quote from Kevin challenge you? *“The Lordship of Jesus means he is the reigning King and therefore, when he teaches, declares, speaks, the world arranges itself in light of that or it suffers consequences.”*
6. Jesus intentionally contrasts the nature of his kingship with the kingdoms of the world...and the traits of His Kingdom are seemingly contradictory to anyone shaped by the world.

Power and Weakness  
Majesty and Meekness  
Royalty and Peasantry

How do these Kingdom traits inform us about the nature of grace and the gospel?

7. As you look over these Kingdom traits, how might they help form your thinking, values and actions as a follower of Christ?