



UNMET.
UNSEATED.
UNWANTED.

Mark 11:1-11



MATTHEW 16:21

“From that time on Jesus began to explain to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the Law, and that He must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.”

VSS. 1-10

So far, so good?

Omniscience (or familiarity?)

Gracious owners

Fulfilled prophecy (Zech. 9:9)

A royal welcome

Doesn't seem like a lot of suffering just yet,
but they are still outside the city.



“LET THE PRAISES OF THE KING RISE...”

“Hosanna!” Save! Save now! (A cry of praise)

“Blessed is He who comes...” (Clearly messianic)

“Blessed is the coming kingdom...” (Messianic)

“Hosanna in the highest”



“Hosanna to the Son of David” Matt. 21:9
(Again, Messianic)

“Peace in heaven and glory in the Highest!” Lk. 19:38
(Luke 2:14, birth narrative)

“Blessed is the King of Israel” John 12:13

UNMET EXPECTATIONS

Luke 19:37 “...for all the miracles they had seen.”
(incl. Lazarus, John 12)

Luke 24:21 “...we had hoped he was the one who was going to restore Israel...”

Palm branches historically were symbols of military conquest. The Maccabean Revolt, significant to the history of the Jews, was also celebrated with palm branches.



MARK 11:11

After the parade,

“Jesus entered Jerusalem and went to the temple.
He looked around at everything, but since it was
already late, He went out to Bethany with the
Twelve.”

UNSEATED INCUMBENTS

Mark 11:15-18 Christ was orchestrating everything.

“...at just the right time...Christ died” (Rom. 5:6)

See also John 11:45-53 ; John 12:9-11

After the raising of Lazarus (but prior to
triumphal entry)

UNWANTED SAVIOR

Matthew 27:11-26

Release Barabbas or Jesus? “Barabbas”

“What shall I do with Jesus?”

“Crucify him!”

Unwanted, yet desperately needed.



Barabbas' death would have been a guilty man paying the ultimate price for sins he had committed.

Jesus' death would be an innocent man paying the ultimate price for the sins of the whole world.

Note the irony in the cry of the people (Matt. 27:25),
“Let His blood be on us and on our children!”



Just days before, the people cried
out,

“Hosanna!
Save! Save now!”