



# **Christian Faith Fellowship**

**- We are not a perfect church  
-We are not a perfect people  
-We are here because we know we need  
God's help and He has provided this help  
through Jesus Christ our Lord!**

**CFF exists to Know Christ and to make Him  
Known!**

## **Living the Faith**

- Are you spending at least 5 minutes a day at least 5 days a week reading your Bible?
- Have you shared your conversion story/or a God story?
- Are you hearing what the Spirit is saying?
- Did you spend some alone time with God this week?

## **Mark 11:1-10**

1 As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, 2 saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. 3 If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.’”

4 They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, 5 some people standing there asked, “What are you doing, untying that colt?” 6 They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. 7 When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. 8 Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields.

**9 Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, “Hosanna!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” 10 “Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!” “Hosanna in the highest heaven!”**

- Jesus used a borrowed donkey, preached from a borrowed boat, had the last super in a borrowed room, was laid in a borrowed tomb, and if you recall the beginning of His ministry He told the disciples He had no place to lay His head!

- When we look at this account and those I mentioned – what is it that we are learning from this and why is it that Jesus had the disciples go “borrow or use” someone’s donkey?
- What we see in these accounts is that Jesus, as God and King, was the true owner of all possessions!
- There are some significant things happening here that were understood by all participating and of course the Chief priests and teachers were mad!

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- The placing of their cloaks under Jesus and laying them in the road as He rode over them was a very significant statement! The waving of the palm branches were also statements!
- Let's first look at the cloaks...

## **2 Kings 9:1-3, 11-13**

1 The prophet Elisha summoned a man from the company of the prophets and said to him, “Tuck your cloak into your belt, take this flask of olive oil with you and go to Ramoth Gilead. 2 When you get there, look for Jehu son of Jehoshaphat, the son of Nimshi. Go to him, get him away from his companions and take him into an inner room. 3 Then take the flask and pour the oil on his head and declare, ‘This is what the Lord says:...

I anoint you king over Israel.’ Then open the door and run; don’t delay!”

(The young man does in verses 4-10)

11 When Jehu went out to his fellow officers, one of them asked him, “Is everything all right? Why did this maniac come to you?” “You know the man and the sort of things he says,” Jehu replied. 12 “That’s not true!” they said. “Tell us.” Jehu said, “Here is what he told me: ‘This is what the Lord says: I anoint you king over Israel.’”...

13 They quickly took their cloaks and spread them under him on the bare steps. Then they blew the trumpet and shouted, “Jehu is king!”

- The meaning of the act is that they were declaring themselves and all that they had under the King’s authority!
- All they had, all they were, were at his disposal to bring about his reign!!
- This is the very thing the people were doing on Palm Sunday with Jesus!

- All that we have, all that we are, we willing lay down in submission to you and it is all at your disposal!
- The Palm branches had a duel meaning to the people:
  1. It was used to welcome home victorious Kings or war heroes as they came back into their cities! The people would wave them and lay them in the path for the conqueror in celebrating his victory!

2. The Palm branch (and other branches) were used in the celebration of the Festival of Tabernacles. They build their shelters and used the branches as the roof but also in their celebration feast and worship as they would sing and celebrate the deliverance of God they would wave the Palm branches in the celebration.
- We also note that in the end times John the Revelator writes these words:

## **Revelation 7:9**

**9 After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.**

- The symbol of celebration for the conquering King!!

- The laying down of the cloak & The waving of the palm branches

## Personal Application

- Have “I” laid down my cloak for Jesus?
- Are you, all you possess, all that you are, all of your gifts & talents - is it all His?
- Have you declared Him as King and do you recognize & celebrate that He is your conquering King & that He has delivered you from the chains of the enemy?