



# Mark 11:1-11; Psalm 118

*This is the Day* Sun, Apr 1<sup>st</sup> 2007

*Day of Visitation 2007 (Palm Sunday)*

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## This is the Day the Lord has made....

- True today...but only application of verse 📖
- In context – not a generic – but specific promise
  - Not speaking about every, but a certain day
- That specific day...1975 years ago–look at today
- Open Bible's to **Mark 11** 📖

## Take a break in our study of David's life- this & next week

- **Reason:** to commemorate, celebrate, understand the events that took place 1975 years ago.

## First – begin w/seeking an understanding of the Calendar

- 1975 years ago...April 32 ad...Heb Cal-Nisan
- Allow me not to get overly technical here-days off
  - Calendar changes, wrestling last 2,000 yrs
- But Sun before Rez day – April 6<sup>th</sup>, 32 ad or Nisan 10<sup>th</sup>
- **Nisan 10<sup>th</sup>, April 6<sup>th</sup> significant? Yes**
  - Yes, was day Jews would select and separate their Passover lamb – **Ex 12:3**
  - It was the day, the Lamb of God – Jesus was separated & presented to the Jews
  - More on that later this morning
- Lets look at the next few days on the calendar
- **Nisan 13<sup>th</sup>, Apr 9<sup>th</sup> – Jesus takes the Passover meal?**
  - This is Jim's personal belief–talk more Wed
  - But if so, Jesus took Passover meal early

- **Nisan 14<sup>th</sup>, Apr 10<sup>th</sup> – Passover! - Lev 23:5**
  - It was day they killed their lambs-**Ex 12:6**
  - Jim’s personal belief – Jesus also killed
  - I know many hold to it on “Good Friday”
  - That it happened is the real importance
  - Personally believe it was Thur, talk more then...but again, not worth arguing over
- **Nisan 15<sup>th</sup>, Apr 11<sup>th</sup>–Feast Unleavened Bread Lev23:5-6**
  - Began a feast that lasted 7 days
- **Nisan 17<sup>th</sup>, Apr 13<sup>th</sup> – Feast of First Fruits –Lev 23:10-11**
  - This feast didn’t have a specific day attached, always 1<sup>st</sup> Sun after Passover
  - This day, Apr 13<sup>th</sup> 32 Ad–Jesus Resurrection!
- **Quick grasp of the Seven Jewish, Biblical Feasts**
  - Listed in Lev 23 – God ordained Holy Days
  - Passover, Unleavened Bread, First fruits, Pentecost, Trumpets, Atonement, Tabernacles
  - See timing-really three times of celebration
  - Also understand – all picture Jesus
  - First 3 Jesus fulfilled 1975 yrs ago
    - Passover – Cross
    - Unleavened Bread – Sin put away
    - First Fruits – Resurrection, 1<sup>st</sup> of many
  - Fourth feast – fulfilled 50 days later
    - Pentecost, Church, Spirit poured out
  - Last 3 Jesus is yet to fulfill – coming
    - Celebrate in fall – often look at then

**For us today – again – looking back 1975 yrs ago**

- Jesus presented!

# I. Jesus Uniquely Presented here

1. **To this point in Jesus ministry–avoided proclamation**
  - a. **Mark 1:24-25,34; 3:11-12; 7:35-36; 8:25-26, 29-30; 9:9**
2. **This day– allows to be proclaimed, arranges it v.1-8**
  - a. Perhaps you ask...how is this a proclamation?
    - i) Understand was a lot of Messianic expectation
  - b. This presentation – would have exploded on them
    - i) **Zech 9:9**– clear, public, powerful presentation!
3. **Question – why now? What makes this day special?**
  - a. **Because of the Cross – fulfilling the Passover**
    - i) Is time for Lamb of God to be presented–**Jn 1:29**
  - b. **Such a special day–Jesus calls it time of visitation-Lk 19**
  - c. **This is a day they should have know...why?**
    - i) Technical and fast....but hold on – **Dan 9:22-27**
    - ii) Told them when the Messiah would come
    - iii) **Start clock at command to build Jerusalem**
      - A. 3 returns of Jews to Jerusalem, only one fits
      - B. Under Nehemiah, date: March 14, 445 BC
    - iv) **Count the time – 7 & 62 sevens or 69 sevens**
      - A. Sevens: Heb word Shabua – sevens. Not specific to seven what (like word dozen)
      - B. Context is clear – years – thus 483 years
      - C. Problem again...different calendars....
      - D. Convert to days...come to 173, 880 days
    - v) **Go back...do math...come to Apr 6, 32 AD**
      - A. This day, their day...Jesus presented
    - vi) **Dan 9 goes on to prophesy of cross & Tribulation**
4. **Main point – this is their day! Day of visitation**

## II. People's Response

### **1. Notice both Song and Palm Branches (Palm Sunday)**

- a. Looks good, right words, about Messiah...but...
- b. Yet...they don't. Already saw – Jesus wept over
- c. In 4 days – this crowd will chant Crucify Him
- d. So...how could they see this and still miss Jesus?

### **2. They missed Jesus – Politically**

- a. Understand – are under Roman rule, oppression
- b. **200 yrs before–Judah Macabbee revolted against Greeks**
  - i) Created the feat of dedication – Hanukah
  - ii) Part of the celebration – Palm branches
  - iii) Read 2 Macabbees 10 (not Bible, just history)
- c. **Palm became political symbol: freedom from oppression**
- d. **Thus what they were wanted from Jesus– political Savior**
  - i) Wanted better environment, better life...

### **3. They missed Jesus – Prophetically**

- a. Perhaps caught it reading of Macabbees
- b. Branches – were from Feast of Tabernacles
- c. Prophetically – entirely different picture
- d. Want heaven w/o cross, kingdom now....

### **4. They missed Jesus – Biblically**

- a. **Quoted Psa 118 –didn't understand context – turn to Ps 118**
  - i) **v.21** – has become my salvation
  - ii) **v.22** – builders, Jews–reject, chief cornerstone **1Co 3:11**
  - iii) **v.23-24** – this day, wow –rejoice
  - iv) **v.25-26** – their song of praise
  - v) **v.27** – how-light, sacrifice....cross
- b. **Passage quoted...explained, but they didn't understand**

## **5. They saw the Savior, sang the song...missed the point**

### **a. Again right words...can not really find fault with**

- i) But they didn't mean it. Wrong motive, life
- b. Makes this scene almost a tragic one, does it not?

## **6. They missed Jesus...and people today still do**

### **a. In a sense – this is passionate, serious warning**

### **b. Dangerous picture for us to apply here....**

- i) You can say right words – in song
- ii) You can say right words – to questions
- iii) But your life – bent on something else- self
  - A. That self will keep you from Christ
  - B. Jesus spoke of in **Matt 7:21** 📖

## **7. How do people do that...could it be same reasons?**

### **a. Politics – want fix life here now, God to do**

- i) Come hoping to improve situation, marriage, kids, job, etc....but not see real need - sin

### **b. Prophetically – want heaven now....**

- i) Many want heaven without the Cross
- ii) Without the cross for Jesus – don't see need
- iii) Without joining in cross – dying with Him

### **c. Biblically – don't believe what is written**

- i) Right here in the Word, explains, shows
- ii) But many have own opinions that hold higher

## **8. How do we deal with rightly? Mark 8 – resists the cross**

### **a. Jesus rebukes –shows thinking wrong**

### **b. How – die to self (politics)**

### **c. Accept Cross for Christ, for self (this course)**

### **d. Hold this book...over opinion – Jesus words above thoughts**

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## Conclusion

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### **Danger...this was their day of visitation – Luke 19:41-44**

- This was their opportunity – missed it
- Judgment is result – **Luke 19:43**

### **I believe we all have a day of visitation**

- A time, which only God knows when it is
- At time Jesus is clearly presented-our decision time
- To miss it...it to really miss it – forever
  - Judgment is the result
- Dangerous thing to see....not unlimited time
- Perhaps today is your day of opportunity
- Danger is to say the right thing,
  - But live and be the wrong thing

### **End as we began – this is the day...rejoice in it**

- In context...not today, but that day
- Day Christ presented Himself...the Lamb
- Today, Christian, this week, I call you to find your joy in the wonderful truth that Christ came!