

## **“The Lord Has Need of It” – Perspectives for Palm Sunday Mark 11:1-11**

Palm Branches, a Donkey, and Praise... and church traditions

Your challenge today: bring a spirit of investigation to the familiar.

1. The Perspective of Jesus' Action – Mark 11:1-6
  - It was deliberate.
  - It was dramatic.
  - It was dangerous.
  
2. The Perspective of the Crowd's Reaction - Mark 11:7-10
  - They had passion and extravagance.
  - They had definite expectations – some based upon Scripture!
  - They were marred by confusion.

The Final Scene – end of the day – Mark 11:11

3. The Perspective of Our Response
  - How do I respond when I learn that ‘the Lord has need of (something) I possess?
  - I am quite similar to the crowd at Bethany: expectations, concerns, & desires
  - I must understand Jesus, the Messiah from Scripture, not from our American perspective.

This means...

- Learning the gospel truth
- Loving the gospel truth
- Living the gospel truth