**Going deeper in Mark 11:1-11**

**INTRODUCTION**

Prior to this Jesus has told the disciples that they need to go to Jerusalem and that He will be killed and three days later He will rise again.

**READ** – *Read (passage) aloud. Read it several times. Listen for what the Spirit of God is saying, don’t just think about it.*

1 As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of the disciples 2 and gave them these instructions, “Go to the village across from you. As soon as you enter it, you’ll find a colt tethered there, one that has not yet been ridden. Untie it and bring it. 3 If anyone asks, ‘What are you doing?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will return him right away.” 4 They went and found a colt tied by a door outside by the street and untied it. 5 Some of those standing there said, “What are you doing untying the colt?” 6 The disciples answered exactly as Jesus had told them and people left them alone. 7 Then they brought the colt to Jesus and spread their coats on it and he mounted. 8 Many people gave him a wonderful welcome, some throwing the coats on the street, others spread branches on the road that they had cut down in the fields. 9 And those who went ahead and those who followed cried out, “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!” 11 He entered Jerusalem and went to the temple. He looked around, taking it all in. By now the hour was late so He went to Bethany with the twelve.

**ENGAGE** – *Questions for going deeper. God is speaking… to you.*

1. What do you think the disciples were thinking when they heard Jesus’ instructions in vs 2-3?

2. How would you feel if you were one of the disciples and you were confronted when untying the colt?

3. Why do you think the people of Jerusalem gave Him such a big welcome? What do you think they were expecting? Why?

4. How do you think Jesus might have been feeling about their expectations?

5. What do you think this day was like for the disciples? What do you think they were talking about as they came into Jerusalem with all the people throwing down their coats and shouting “Hosanna?”

**PRAY** – *God has spoken. So, reply.*

\*Thank the Lord for His faithfulness.

\*Ask Him to lead you today even if you do not know where the day will take you.

\*Ask Him to give you the strength to obey Him even if you don’t understand.

**LIVE** – *This is where the rubber hits the road.*

Jesus knows that He is headed for the cross even if people don’t understand. Will you, by His strength, follow Him this week even if others don’t understand?