

PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE



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Text(s): Mark 11:1–11

Sermon Title: Inconvenient Disruption

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(The sermon recording and slides are available in the PMC website and MyPMC App)

READ (5 mins)

Mark 11:1–11 (NIV84)

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?’ tell him, ‘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!”

11 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.

REFLECT (30 mins)

(Reflect on key themes and questions in the text)

- 1.** The preacher began his sermon based on the account of the final journey of Jesus to Jerusalem during the Passover season, as recorded in the book of Mark Chapter 11. Many Jewish males would be back to the city from far away. It was a time of political tension and should riots be triggered by the crowd, it would cause trouble and dent the credentials of the Roman governor, soldiers and local Jewish religious leaders. Do you think Jesus was aware of the expectations of the people at that time for Him to be their leader in order to restore Israel back to its former glory under King David and King Solomon?

2. **Were there instances where Jesus may have given the people or his followers a wrong idea of the type of kingdom He came to establish?**
3. **Why do you think the chief priests and religious teachers feared Jesus and even wanted to kill him?**



RELATE (30 mins)

(Relate and apply God's word to our daily lives)

1. **Have you ever had someone challenge your authority or question your way of life or set of values? How do you normally react to such a challenge?**
2. **The crowd cheered for Jesus in His triumphant entry to Jerusalem but many in the same crowd were later cowed into silence, ran into hiding, and even joined in to demand that Jesus be crucified. Why the sudden change in the hearts of the people?**
3. **Was there a time you had to choose between Jesus and your personal safety, your privileged position or your way of life? If there was, what was your struggle like? If you never had such an experience before, what do you think your reactions would be if you were to be in such a situation?**
4. **Disruptions and unexpected events in life are valuable moments that God often uses to capture our attention and align us to His purpose. The preacher asked if we are primarily geared towards convenience with the least disruptions to our lives. Are there examples of inconveniences stopping you from doing something for God? Are there examples of you doing something for God even though it meant a major disruption to your way of life or schedules and plans?**
5. **Why do you think it's important to be willing to be inconvenient or to have our plans disrupted at times for God?**

REST (15 mins)

Take time to share and pray for one another. Pray for our church, our nation, and our world. See MyPMC > PRAY for weekly guide.



- Pray together and ask God to put in our hearts the willingness to live our lives submitted to His will and plans and not to demand that things always go according to our desires.
- Pray for one another to encounter Christ daily through His Word and His Spirit in order that we might become more and more like Christ.
- Pray for the churches in Singapore to have a stronger witness in Singapore and beyond in the days to come.