Are You Ready for Coronation?

**Mark 11**

Have you ever been to an event where lots of politicians and/or celebrities were present? Or lots of photographers, spotlights, a huge crowd? How did you feel?

Have you ever wondered how Jesus felt on Palm Sunday? Remember that for much of his ministry, he seemed to shy away from publicity, often asking those who were healed ‘not to tell anyone’ what had happened.

Do you enjoy crowds, or try to avoid them? If you had been in Jerusalem that day, would you have joined the coronation? Would you have shouted Hosana? Thrown your coat on the road? Followed the procession?

After studying Mark 11, ask yourself these Palm Sunday questions:

1) Humility: since the king I love and follow came in humility, what does that demand of my lifestyle and attitudes? Where are areas I need to grow in this?

2) Hosana: am I ashamed to sing at the top of my voice, that he is king? Or is it easier to whisper, for fear of what others will think?

3) Change: does my king have freedom to clean house on my worship habits? To toss the furniture around, and demand some changes: more prayer, more faith?

4) Attitudes: do I still find myself amazed at His teaching? Or have the words of Jesus become common-place to me?

5) Fruit: do I honestly see spiritual fruit in my discipleship journey? Or is it more like hollow religious activity?

6) Prayer: does knowing the king give me boldness in prayer? Or do I not believe He is interested in my personal needs and situation?

7) Grace: does knowing the king who died to forgive me, help me forgive others? Or do I need to recommit to that?