

Things You Can Learn From a Donkey (Mark 11:1-11)

“The best ability is dependability.” – Bob Jones, Sr.

I. HE WAS RIGHT WHERE HE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE

A. HE WAS NEAR TO CHRIST (MARK 11:2)

I Corinthians 1:27, “But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;”

Psalm 73:28, “But it is good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, that I may declare all thy works.”

Hebrews 10:22, “Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.”

John 15:4-8, “⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. ⁶ If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. ⁷ If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. ⁸ Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.”

B. HE WAS UNDER AUTHORITY (MARK 11:2)

Proverbs 1:30-33, “³⁰ They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof. ³¹ Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices. ³² For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them. ³³ But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.”

C. HE WAS WHERE GOD KNEW HE WOULD BE (MARK 11:2)

II. HE KNEW WHO JESUS WAS

A. HE WAS WILD (MARK 11:2)

B. WHEN HE FOUND OUT WHO JESUS WAS, HIS ATTITUDE CHANGED (MARK 11:7)

Daniel 4:39, “Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart, that the LORD he is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: there is none else.”

I Corinthians 6:19-20, “¹⁹ What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? ²⁰ For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.”

I Corinthians 7:22-23, “²² For he that is called in the Lord, being a servant, is the Lord's freeman: likewise also he that is called, being free, is Christ's servant. ²³ Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men.”

III. HE LIFTED JESUS UP (MARK 11:7-10)