

# Welcome to Church!

We are glad you chose to join us today to worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We hope that your stay has been both meaningful and memorable.

Here are some activities going on with us!

## ☐ How can we pray for you?

Inviting you to join our **Prayer Meeting, Tuesdays at 7PM**. You may send your **prayer requests and praise reports** by text (0912 130 6148), by writing them on the prayer cards provided, or by sending us a private message on our Facebook page.

## ☐ Discover life with our Small Groups.

Looking for deeper connections and a closer walk with God? Our **small groups** are where we cultivate meaningful relationships and grow in faith together. Want to join? Visit our Information Booth after the service to find the perfect group for you!

## ☐ Stay for fellowship and refreshments.

Stick around after the service for **coffee** and **connection**! It's the perfect chance to meet some friendly faces, learn more about our small groups, our ministries, and discover all that our church has to offer. We'd love to see you there!

## ☐ Free Blood Pressure & Sugar Check-up

Encouraging those who wish to monitor their **Blood Pressure & Blood Sugar** levels to avail of our free check-up, happening **every after Sunday service!**

## Schedules for Services:

### English Service:

Morning 10:00 AM  
Afternoon 01:00 PM

### Cebuano Service:

Afternoon 04:00 PM

**2nd Floor,  
Northgate Center.**  
across Gaisano Country Mall  
**Banilad, Cebu City.**

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WITH US!**

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Worship God. Advance His Kingdom.

## THE DAY I UNTIED THE COLT

The Jerusalem Ministry: The King Contronts Empty Religion  
Pastor Tom Trono | November 16, 2025 | Mark 11:1-11

### SERMON NOTES

- I. The day we followed his strange command (vv. 1-7)
- II. The day we thought glory had finally come (vv. 8-10)
- III. The day we misunderstood the king's glory (v. 11)
- IV. The day I finally understood
- V. What I want you to know today



We are a church that seeks to bring glory to God, to build the local church through discipleship and to fulfill the Great Commission.

**OUR MISSION**

**SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE**  
For the week of November 17–23, 2025  
**THE DAY I UNTIED THE COLT**

## Getting Started

*To the facilitator: Use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.*

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

If you could rename this event something catchy, what title would you give it? Why?

## Group Discussion

**Read Mark 10:46-52.**

1. Mark 11 shows Jesus entering Jerusalem as a king, but a different kind of king. What do you notice about the way he chooses to enter (riding a colt instead of a warhorse)? How does this challenge the disciples' and the crowd's expectations? In what ways do people today still misunderstand Jesus' kingship? What part of Jesus' identity are you personally learning to recognize more deeply from this account?

2. Jesus sent two disciples ahead with very specific instructions about finding a colt that had never been ridden. What does the level of detail in Jesus' preparation tell us about his awareness of what was about to happen? When have you sensed God orchestrating details in your life that seemed too specific to be coincidence?

3. The people shouted "Hosanna" (meaning "Save us!"), and treated Jesus like a conquering king. What were they expecting Jesus to do in Jerusalem? How do our own expectations of what Jesus should do for us sometimes blind us to what he actually came to accomplish? Can you share a time when God answered your prayers differently than you expected, and what you learned from that?

4. The crowd's praise was enthusiastic but short-lived. By the end of the week, many were calling for Jesus' crucifixion. What makes worship truly enduring rather than emotional or situational? How can we ensure our "Hosannas" are rooted in genuine faith and not just excitement?

5. If you had been present that day, which role do you think you might have played: a disciple fetching the colt, a curious bystander, a passionate worshipper, or someone skeptical in the crowd? Why? How does imagining of yourself in this story change the way you read it or the way you follow Jesus in the future?

6. This passage marks the beginning of Passion Week, the final days before Jesus' crucifixion. How does knowing what comes next (the cross) deepen your appreciation for his willing, humble entrance into Jerusalem? In what areas of your life is Jesus inviting you not just to praise him on a Sunday, but to surrender to him daily?

7. After all the excitement, verse 11 simply says Jesus looked around at everything, and since it was late, he left for Bethany. How does this quiet ending contrast with the dramatic entrance? What might Mark be teaching us about the difference between public acclaim and personal devotion? How do you handle the "ordinary" moments that follow spiritual highs?

## Next Steps

*Jesus came to rule, not our plans, but our hearts.*

- **Honor Jesus:** I will welcome him not just with words but with obedience.
- **Lay It Down:** I will surrender whatever he is asking for, even my pride, plans, or preferences.
- **Follow Fully:** I will choose devotion over excitement and faithfulness over feelings.
- **Lift Him Up:** I will honor Jesus publicly in my life, not just privately in my heart.

## Closing the Session

Close the session by taking the time to *pray for one another*. Consider the following as you pray:

- Pray to live a life that chooses devotion over excitement, faithfulness over feelings, and obedience over convenience.
- Pray for relationships to grow with other Christ-followers, that you will encourage and care for one another.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends, and loved ones.
- Pray for protection, provision, healing and comfort for everyone who's going through physical, emotional, mental and spiritual pain.

### BIBLE READING GUIDE

November 17	<b>Mark 11:1-11</b>
November 18	<b>Psalms 24:7-10</b>
November 19	<b>Zechariah 9:9-12</b>
November 20	<b>Psalms 118:22-29</b>
November 21	<b>Hebrews 13:12-16</b>
November 22	<b>Psalms 83:1-18</b>
November 23	<b>Mark 11:12-14</b>