

Palm Sunday
Celebrate Our King!
Sunday, March 28th, 2021

Luke 19: 35-42 NIV

³⁵They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. ³⁶As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: ³⁸“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”

⁴⁰“I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

⁴¹As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it ⁴²and said, “If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes.

1. **Hosanna! Jesus is King!** (vs. 37-38)

John 12: 12-13 Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!
Zechariah 9:9 Your king comes to you righteous and victorious!
Zechariah 9:10 He will proclaim peace to the nations.
Matthew 16: 15-16 You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God.

2. **All of Creation Worships Christ’s Deity** (v.40)

Psalms 19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands.
Psalm 66:4 All the earth bows down to You; they sing praise to You.

3. **The Triumphant King Weeps** (vs. 41-42)

Luke 19:41-42 He saw the city, he wept over it. “If you had only known what would bring you peace, but now it is hidden from your eyes.”
Matthew 23:37 Jerusalem how I have longed to gather your children together, but you were unwilling.

Conclusion: God ordained for His Son to be honored as King. The people shouted praises to their King who came to rescue them! It was a glorious moment giving us example of how we celebrate our King today! This moment of tremendous joy was also mixed with great sorrow as Jesus wept over fickle Jerusalem. In His humanity He yielded to both emotions. His love was greater than our sin. He pressed on to the cross as our triumphant King of kings, Prince of Peace and Savior.

LIFE GROUP LESSON
Celebrate Our King Whose Love Is Greater!
Week of March 28th – April 3rd, 2021

Ice Breaker: Have you rejoiced in receiving something thinking it was leading to one outcome, only to find out there was an entirely different *yet good* outcome? Did that affect your excitement?

Read Luke 19: 35-42.

1. Why were the crowds rejoicing in Jesus? What did they want Him to do? What kind of kings were they used to?
2. Why would God choose this way to acknowledge Jesus as king?
3. Read Zechariah 9: 9-10. What do the prophecies tell us?
4. What was Jesus riding when He entered Jerusalem? (v.35)
5. What did donkeys represent in their day?
6. What words were the people shouting? (v. 38) Do you think those were from their knowledge or through the Spirit of God?
7. What truth is being spoken in their words? Did they understand?
8. Read Matthew 16: 15-16. Contrast and compare it to what Peter spoke as revealed by God.
9. What kind of king is Jesus?
10. How did the Pharisees respond? (v.39)
11. How did Jesus respond to them? (v.40) What should this be telling the Pharisees?
12. Read Psalm 19:1 and 66:4. What is made known about creation? Would the Pharisees have known this truth?
13. Why wouldn't they believe when all the signs and prophecies pointed to exactly what was happening in that moment?
14. In the midst of great joy, we read Jesus wept over Jerusalem. What did He see? (vs. 41-42.) What did He know?
15. Read Matthew 23:37-39. What is Jesus feeling? What is He making known to those who reject Him? Read Revelation 19: 11-15. How will His next return be different than when He first came?
16. What do you find most amazing as you take in the events of this day and the events following later in the week?

Point to ponder: Jesus has always been Lord of all creation. He came to bring heaven down to earth and usher in a kingdom of peace and love. He lived as a man relating to us in every way. He loves as only a Savior can. Let us celebrate our King!