

Three Reflections on Jesus' Triumphal Entry

1. Jesus takes a definite step into the _____ . Matt 21:1-11
 - a. The crowd is _____ about their _____. Matt 21:8-9
 - b. The Pharisees are _____ of Jesus' _____. John 12:19, Luke 19:39

2. What should we _____ about Jesus?
 - a. Jesus fulfilled messianic _____. Zechariah 9:9, John 12:16
 - b. Jesus is a _____ king. Matt 21:5
 - c. Jesus _____ all things. Matt 21:2, Mark 11:5-6
 - d. Jesus is worthy of _____. Luke 19:40
 - e. Jesus is pursuing our _____.

3. How will _____ to Jesus being our messiah? Luke 19:41-44

Holy Week

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Matthew 21:1–11

^[1] Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ^[2] saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ^[3] If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” ^[4] This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

^[5] “Say to the daughter of Zion,

‘Behold, your king is coming to you,

humble, and mounted on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.”

^[6] The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ^[7] They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ^[8] Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ^[9] And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” ^[10] And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” ^[11] And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.” (ESV)

Luke 19:28–44

^[28] And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ^[29] When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ^[30] saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ^[31] If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” ^[32] So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. ^[33] And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ^[34] And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” ^[35] And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ^[36] And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ^[37] As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ^[38] saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” ^[39] And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” ^[40] He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

^[41] And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, ^[42] saying, “Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. ^[43] For the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up a barricade around you and surround you and hem you in on every side ^[44] and tear you down to the ground, you and your children within you. And they will not leave one stone upon another in you, because you did not know the time of your visitation.” (ESV)

Sunday: Jesus' Triumphal Entry

February 28, 2021

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Open: What experience do you have with observing Lent, the 40-day period leading up to Easter?

Read: Luke 19:28-44

Discuss:

1. Jesus is about to enter Jerusalem for the final week before His death. What do you suppose might have been on Jesus' heart and mind as He approached Jerusalem? From what you know of Jesus' disciples, what might have been on their hearts and minds?
2. If you had been one of Jesus' disciples, what would have been your reaction to receiving Jesus' instruction in verses 30-31? Have you ever struggled with commands from God that didn't make sense to you? What have you learned about obeying such commands?
3. Jesus' entry into Jerusalem fulfilled the prophecy of Zechariah 9:9. From Luke's description in verses 35-40, why do you believe the people were praising Jesus? (*See Psalm 19:35-38, which is the psalm they were quoting.*) What do they get right and what do they get wrong about Jesus?
4. Throughout the Gospels, Jesus often warned others to not talk about the miracles they'd seen or to share the revelation they'd received that He was the Messiah. Why do you suppose Jesus now welcomes praise? Why do you believe Jesus responded as He did in verse 40?
5. Jesus weeps over a city (v. 41) that God is going to judge (v. 43) because the people "did not know" things (v. 42, 44) that were "hidden from [their] eyes" (v. 42). How would you explain how all these pieces fit together? How should they impact how we carry out our mission to share the good news of Jesus?
6. As you reflect over the events of this day, what do we learn about Jesus? What do we learn about human nature? What different responses to Jesus do you see in this passage? What should be our response to what we're told here?

Apply: If we want to prepare our hearts to celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection, how should the portrait of Jesus and humanity painted here shape the way we approach the coming weeks?

Pray: Thank Jesus for His steadfast determination to save us. Pray that God will prepare our hearts well to humbly delight in all that Jesus has done to secure our salvation.

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