



PRODIGAL GOD

Discussion Guide

14-WEEK STUDY

IN THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

WEEK 10

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Luke 19:28-44



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WEEKLY READING

Primary text from this week: Luke 19:28-44; John 11:1-56; Zacharia 9:9

GETTING STARTED

Goals this week: To consider the significance of accepting Jesus as the King we need rather than the King we expect

Missed the sermon? Watch it at www.youtube.com/venturamissionary

Break the Ice: Share a time you longed for something and were disappointed or had low expectations that were exceeded.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Discuss something that stood out to you from Sunday's sermon.
2. Read **Luke 19:28-44**, What strikes you as confusing or compelling as you read this passage?
3. At first glance, it might appear that Jesus sends the disciples off on a last-minute errand. What clues in the passage seem to suggest something different?
4. Notice the location that Jesus is sending the disciples to obtain the donkey/colt (Bethany). What ministry event of Jesus occurred in this area (John 11:1-56)? How might this miracle have affected the willingness of the community to accommodate Jesus' request?
5. In what ways might this miracle (and others) have set up expectations for the kind of power Jesus would display as King? How would the last week of Jesus' life described in the remaining five chapters of Luke have disrupted those expectations?
6. How does Zechariah 9:9 describe the entrance of the King into Jerusalem? How does Jesus display these characteristics in Luke 19? In His ministry?
7. Why do you think the religious leaders responded to Jesus the way they did in verse 39? What trouble might a potential Jewish King have presented to the Romans? Knowing what we know of the Roman Empire, how might they have responded to another king setting up a new kingdom in Palestine?
8. How does the manner in which Jesus enters Jerusalem signify a significant shift in His ministry?
9. We often want Jesus to show up in "power" in our lives by changing our circumstances or giving us what we want. How does Jesus often choose to demonstrate His power in our lives? Why is His way better than our way? (Share an example from your own life where you found this to be true.)



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PRAYER

Pray for each other: Pray for each other and any specific needs.

Pray for yourself: Pray and ask God to show you areas of your life where you need to readjust your expectations of Jesus. Ask God to give you the strength to elevate His Lordship over your life.

Pray for your four: Identify four people who don't know Jesus (friends, family, neighbors, or co-workers/classmates), and commit to pray for them consistently. Pray that **(1)** God would reveal Jesus to them, **(2)** that God would turn their hearts towards Him, **(3)** that God would put Christians in their path to represent Christ, and **(4)** that God would give you an opportunity to share what Christ has done in your life.

THIS WEEK'S DAILY READING

Week 11—April 3-9 (Luke 22:1-24:12)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
Luke 22:1-38	Luke 22:39-71	Luke 23:1-25	Luke 23:26-43	Luke 23:44-56	Luke 24:1-12

NOTES
