



## SERMON STUDY GUIDE

“LUKE 19:28-48” ON MARCH 29 + APRIL 2, 2023

### CONNECT

How did last week's passage we read/discussed affect your week?

### DISCOVER: LUKE 19:28-48

- What did the passage say (in your own words) or what impacted you/did you take away from the sermon this week?
- How does this passage or did the sermon point you to Jesus (teach us about Jesus)?
- Did you find anything challenging about this passage (words you didn't understand, phrases that didn't make sense, etc.)?

**LUKE 19:28-48 PALM SUNDAY:** Passion Week begins with Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem! The last week of Jesus' earthly life before He is raised from the dead on Easter is filled with decisive events – moments in history that have been highlighted and celebrated for 2000 years. As we study these scriptures this Holy Week, what can we learn from them about this King of Peace, and what that means for our lives right now?

**PASSION WEEK: PALM SUNDAY-** Jesus entered Jerusalem humbly riding on a donkey. Jesus, the full representation of God, God in the flesh, riding on a donkey as the King of Peace, the Messiah! All four gospels record this event – look at Matthew 21:1-11, Mark 11:1-11, and John 12:12-19 along with today's passage to get the whole flavor of this Triumphal Entry. Then turn to Zechariah 9:9 to find the prophecy of this event centuries earlier.

- How do you think you might have responded as one of the disciples Jesus asked to go find a colt with the instructions He gave? Would you have questions or doubts about such a request? Would you have asked Him to send someone else? Would you be thrilled to be serving the Master you had seen repeatedly teaching and healing others, delighting in seeing the smile He gave as you completed the task? By the same token, what is Jesus asking from you right now, and how are you responding?
- The humility with which Jesus rode into Jerusalem was not a show of weakness or meekness; Jason described this kind of meekness as 'bridled power' – power waiting to move forward at the appropriate time. What is your understanding of how can we as individuals and as a church represent Jesus in humility, moving forward with 'bridled power'?
- Jesus came as the King of Peace – what kind of peace does Jesus represent? Why does He want us to seek the peace that only He can bring? Have you accepted the peace He offers, or are there areas of your life you seeking more of His peace? In what areas of your life are you striving to show others the peace and wholeness Jesus brings?
- The Pharisees, the very people whose job was to get people ready for the Messiah, instead told Jesus to rebuke those who lauded Him! How did they miss this King of Kings? What expectations stood in the way of their seeing Jesus for who He was? What expectations of Jesus are standing in the way of your being able to seek Jesus for WHO He is rather than how He can serve your needs?

**PASSION WEEK: JESUS WEEPS OVER JERUSALEM** – The tone of Jesus' Triumphal Entry into the city of Jerusalem changed as Jesus and thought about all that was to take place in the coming week. Jesus knew Jerusalem was the place where He would fulfill His mission on earth by being betrayed by one of His own disciples, being handed over to the rulers, dying for the sins of the world, and being raised from the dead on the 3rd day. Despite the acclamation of His Triumphal Entry, Jesus looked over the city and wept.

- Read Verses 41-48 from today's passage. What are the things that broke Jesus' heart at this moment?
- How might Jesus be weeping over you right now - over sin in your life, over your not seeking the peace He can bring? Are there areas in your life you are following the ways of the world, even though you know they can only lead to destruction? Is He weeping because you are missing who He is? Are YOU weeping because you are missing who He is, or because those around you are missing who He is?



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**PASSION WEEK: JESUS CLEARS THE TEMPLE** – Later Jesus entered the temple courts and found the Court of Gentiles, a place intended for people of all nations to gather, had been turned into a marketplace. An angry and decisive Jesus drove out the money changers and sellers of animals, saying, “Is it not written: ‘My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations’? But you have made it a ‘den of robbers.’” They stood in the way of the peace He was offering, taking up the very space in His court where others could seek Him!

- What is taking up space in your ‘court’ - space that keeps others from seeing Jesus as you move about your world?
- What stands in the way of people in this community who don’t know Him KNOWING Him? What can we as individuals and as CU Church DO about that?

### RESPOND

- How does this passage encourage you, challenge you, or change you in your efforts to become more like Jesus?
- What is one thing you learned about yourself from God’s Word? How will you respond in obedience this week?
- Who is someone you can have a conversation with about what Jesus is doing in your life or invite to join you at a CU Church gathering.

### PRAY

... for each other and spend time praising God. Pray that he will show you how to better love God and love people.