

# THE ROYAL REVELATION | LUKE 19:28-48 | PASTOR MARK BOFILL | 7/05/2026

I. The King Reveals His Person (19-21) | II. The King Reveals His Passion (22-26) | III. The King Reveals His Power (27-31)

**INTRO:** Luke now records the climactic moment in Jesus' earthly ministry when He intentionally and publicly reveals Himself as Israel's promised Messiah-King. / For most of His ministry, Jesus often instructed people not to make Him known (Mat 8:4; Mark 1:44). But now, just days before the cross, He openly fulfills messianic prophecy, accepts public praise, and exercises divine authority. The King is no longer hidden—He is fully revealed! **THE ROYAL REVELATION**

**I. THE KING REVEALS HIS PERSON (19:28-40)** **READ:** *As Jesus made His final ascent from Jericho to Jerusalem,* the crowds continued to grow. For centuries, Israel had been waiting for the Messiah—the **promised King** who would deliver His people. News of Jesus had spread throughout the land, and many believed the time had finally come for Him to establish His kingdom.

**A. Providential Preparation (28-35)** – Before entering Jerusalem (28), Jesus was a near **Bethphage** (*house of unripe figs*) and **Bethany** (*House of dates*), on the western slope of **Olivet** (29a).

**1. Significance:** Historically, MT. OLIVET was the place from which *the glory of the Lord departed from Israel* (Ezek 9:3; 10:4, 18-19; 11:22-23). – Significantly, the route that Jesus chose for his triumphal entry was retraced backward, as if to say, *“the King of Glory has returned!”*

- Eschatologically, the Lord will return to the Mt. of Olives to defend Israel and pour out His wrath against the nations (Zech 14:4)

**2. Sending:** Jesus sent two ‘unnamed disciples to get a donkey to use for His entrance into the holy city (29b-34). – **Specific Directions were to be carried out for His purposes!** – He said, *“Go”* and they went, *amen...* He said, *“find the colt,”* and they found it where He said, *amen...* He said, *“loose it, and bring it,”* and they did, *amen...* He said, *“If you are questioned,”* provide the reason, and they did, *amen!* – As disciples, we must remember that Jesus is Omniscient! **When He instructs us to do something, Trust and Obey Him as your LORD...** in doing so, you will never be disappointed!

- **“The Lord had need of a donkey”** (31,34) – **You might ask, for what reason?** May I suggest for the same reason that he needed a **Boat to preach** (5:3-6), and **Loaves and Fishes to feed the crowd** (Matt 14:16-18), and a **Coin to make a point** (Matt 22:19). He also **needed Disciples** to advance God’s Kingdom just like Jesus did! (*He still uses animate and inanimate objects to reveal Himself!*)
- **The Colt, paved the way for Adoration and Praise of their King!** (*So should we!*)

**B. Passionate Praise (35b-37)** – *The disciples respectfully exalt the Messiah* (35b), by **spreading their clothes** on the colt of which **“no one had ever sat.”** – A seat on which no one else could ever claim!

**1. Others, followed the disciples by laying their clothes on the road** (36), as well spreading out **Leafy Branches** (cf. Mark 11:8). – **PALM BRANCHES** which signified their acceptance of their new King. – Their actions were part of an ‘ancient practice.’ e.g., **Jehu** (2 Kings 9:12-13).

**2. As Jesus approached the descent of Mt. Olivet (v.37),** we learn that this was a very special moment in which the **Excitement Intensified.** (*Picture the scene, A Royal Revelation!*) – **The crowd’s actions here give origin to the term “Palm Sunday”** (cf. Matt 21:8) – As the crowd moved along, they shouted words of PRAISE, celebrating the arrival of Israel’s Savior, the Messiah-King. **“Hosanna”** (Matt 9:9; Mark 11:9; John 12:13), *lit.* a request to **“Save Now!”**

**C. Prophetic Proclamation (38)** – *The Crowd honored Jesus and praised God* for sending His King to, saying, *Blessed is the King who comes in the name of LORD!* – Luke acknowledges Him as **KING**, while (Matt 21:9, Mark 11:9) writes, *Blessed is “HE;”* a quote from (Psalm 118:26), along with the Messianic title, *“Son of David.”* – **NOW was the time that Jesus allowed praise and worship from the masses.**

- This was the **Designated Day** that Jesus proclaimed to the people that **He was their Messiah and Israel's King**, fulfilling prophecy found in the Old Testament (Zech 9:9). – The date was Sunday, [9 Nisan, ad. 30]... Exactly **483 years** after the decree of Artaxerxes as Prophesied in (Daniel 9:24-27). *He is the Most Holy, and Messiah, yet not all praised Him as King...*

**D. Proud Protest (39)** – When the people hailed Jesus as their KING, **The Pharisees became Indignant because the masses saw Jesus as the long-awaited MESSIAH!** – Instead of Rejoicing at His arrival, they **BECAME OFFENDED** that He accepted their praise as King! – **WHY? Blinded by the Light!**

**E. Perpetual Praise (40)** – **Two things to point out here: First, He knew they wouldn't stop praising Him**, so He let them recognize that He is their King. **Second, He said if it were possible to silence them, He made it clear that they would hear the LOUDEST ROCK CONCERT EVER!**

- Point being: *The King's glory demands proclamation, even from creation!*

**P/A:** Many admire Jesus as a teacher... others appreciate Him as a miracle worker. Still others respect Him as a historical figure. – **But Jesus did not present Himself merely as any of those. He presented Himself as King!** – Have you acknowledged His rightful rule over your life? **I encourage you, do it now!** *“Every knee should bow...and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.” (Phil 2:10-11)*

**SEGUE:** The crowds are shouting, the disciples are rejoicing, and the city is celebrating. Yet while everyone else is singing, **Jesus is Weeping!** – YES, the **King Revealed His Person**, *but now...*

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**II. THE KING REVEALS HIS COMPASSION (19:41-44)** **READ:** *His Heart for the people of Jerusalem* – As Jesus begins to **examine the spiritual condition of the city**, **SORROW** begins to fill His heart. – He knew that many who received and praised Him upon His entry, would also be amongst the crowd that cried out, *Crucify Him!* (23:21).

**A. He Cried for the City (41)** – *He knew what would eventually happen to the city of peace.* The only other time that we see **Jesus' weeping**, is at Lazarus' funeral (John 11:35)

**B. He Hoped for the City (42)** – Jesus desired for the city of Jerusalem to **Know True PEACE**. – But it only *comes when Jesus is believed upon in the heart!* – But *“these,”* in *“Their Day;”* **chose to REJECT Him ... a result of their Spiritual Blindness**, which meant **“NO PEACE!”**

**C. He Prophesied of the City (43-44a)** – The phrase *“days will come,”* refers to what took place in **70 A.D.**, when the Roman General TITUS and his army **tore down every stone** of the temple, as prophesied (Luke 21;20;24) *“Jerusalem will be Trampled by Gentiles...”*

**D. His Reason for the Ruin of the City (44b)** – **Divine Judgment** for their failure to recognize their Messiah as He visited them...*they literally did not know the time of their visitation!* – This is later explained by Jesus in (Luke 20:13-17), also (John 1:10,11), *His own did not receive Him!*

- *Jesus wept because unbelief results destruction!*

**P/A:** Figuratively speaking, many people today resemble *“Jerusalem.”* – They know about Jesus... they celebrate Christmas and Easter; they admire His morality... **Yet they never surrender to His Lordship.** → One of life's greatest tragedies is not ignorance... **It is Familiarity without Faith!**

Jesus still looks with **COMPASSION** upon people who refuse Him!

- (2 Pet 3:9) *“The Lord is... not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.”*
- (Heb 3:15) *“Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts.”*

**SEGUE:** The King has revealed Person... the King has revealed His Passion... **Now He reveals His POWER and AUTHORITY!** – He enters the Temple not as a visitor **but as its rightful Owner...**

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**III. THE KING REVEALS HIS POWER (19:45-47)** **READ:** *His Royal Purification* – He goes straight to the **heart of the problem...** it began with the Temple! The House of God had become defiled with legalism, greed and a lust for power. *Reformation and Purification* was needed, *so the King...*

**A. Purifying the Temple (45)** – Jesus *“drove out”* those whose *used the Temple for profit!* – The Religious Leaders charged ridiculous Temple taxes and required only Temple-approved animals for sacrifice. Jesus responded this way because **The CORRUPTION of the religious leaders HINDERED WORSHIP in God’s house!** – This is the second time that He cleansed the house (cf. John 2:14-16). – **P/A:** Like our King, we have to take a Stand for our Fathers House!

**B. Prioritizing Prayer (46)** – Jesus purposely quoted (Isa 56:7), because **PRAYER** is speaking intimately with **GOD.** – The Religious Leaders of Jesus’ day should have been PRAYING for the people, instead they PREYED on the people. – Satan will try to wipe out your prayer connection with God ... Don’t let Him! – **Like our King, we have to Remain in Prayer!**

- Prayer, Holiness, Integrity, Servitude, Spiritual Instruction, Purity, and True Worship is declining in the Modern-Day Church. Let us *remain faithful* in these last days (Rev 3:8) – (1 Pet 4:17) *For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?*

**1. Proclaiming Truth (47b-48a)** – Jesus knew that there was **Power in His Word**, so **he prioritized sound doctrine in the Temple.** – He knows that **the Word of God brings Health and Healing to God’s people!** – The same still applies today!

- (Titus 2:1) says, *But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine.*
- If our bodies are considered the Temple of God (1 Cor 6:19), what happens when we apply **sound doctrine to them!** – (2 Tim 3:17) makes clear that *we become complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

**2. Ready to Hear Him (48b)** – **This is really the spirit that brings about true restoration!** When a sinful heart is open enough to **HEAR Him**, the **HARDNESS** can be penetrated by the **HOLY SPIRIT**, and **TRUTH** can set that person **FREE** from the lies and the bondage of this fallen world. – **P/A:** Like our King, we should **be attentive to Hear Him Daily!**

- **How does one restore true worship with God? Clean House!** – Remove any sin and bring the **WORD back in!** (*Something that a lot of churches don’t practice anymore!*)

**P/A: Applied individually, (1 Cor 3:16) tells us that BELIEVERS are God's Temple! "Do you not know that you are the temple of God?"** – This means that **Jesus still desires to cleanse what dishonors Him!**

- He overturns tables in our hearts... He confronts hidden idols... He removes whatever competes with **genuine worship**. → **The King desires wholehearted worship from His people.**
- **His cleansing is not punishment...** It is restoration!

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**CONCLUSION: THE ROYAL REVELATION** is not merely about recognizing who Jesus is → **it is about RESPONDING to who Jesus is.** (Zech 9:9a) "*Behold, your King is coming to you...*"

**FINAL CHALLENGE: The King has already revealed Himself!** Now He waits for your response!

- Will you welcome His rule?
- Will you trust His compassion?
- Will you submit to His cleansing?

**MAY WE NOT** simply celebrate the King with our lips, but **CROWN HIM LORD** with our lives!