

HERE COMES THE KING | LUKE 19:28-48 | PASTOR MARK BOFILL | 3/23/2024

*I. The King Received (28-40) | II. The King's Remorse (41-44) | III. The King Restores (45-48)

INTRO: Welcome to Holy Week 2024. Holy Week is an observance of the Christian church that remembers the final week of the life of our Lord Jesus Christ before his Crucifixion. It begins with **PALM SUNDAY**, which commemorates **Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem**. – **A Day of utmost Importance**. – Since the fall of Man, God planned to restore this fallen world by **Promising a King—the Messiah**—Who would deliver His people and establish God's Rule over all creation. **Jesus Christ is that promised King!** – His entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday fulfills that promise according to **(Zech 9:9)**, *“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey.”* – So important is this event that its mentioned in All Four of the Gospels! – Today we'll examine **Luke's perspective of the event**, which I've entitled: **HERE COMES THE KING! (Luke 19:28-48)** *I see three points which describes it...**

I. THE KING RECEIVED (28-40) – When Jesus made His ascent from Jericho, we're told that crowds began to follow Him. For a very long time Israel had been waiting for **their Messiah, their King** who would deliver them politically or even free them nationally. The talk of Jesus spread throughout the land; **the people were ready to receive their King and His Kingdom!**

- **But many failed to understand** that Jesus came to deliver them spiritually! – In a nation of spiritually blind people, **Jesus demonstrated His willingness to give sight and salvation to the blind**. As He passed through Jericho, we're told that He restored sight to: Two Blind Men (Matt 20:29-34), Blind Bartimaeus (Mark 10:46-52), and right before his entry, he called a Short Tax Collector: **Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10)**; to whom He said *“...the son of man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”* **(Luke 19:10)**. *(His mission! Expound)*
- **They also failed to understand that it was NOT YET TIME** to set up physical kingdom. Jesus made this clear in *‘the Parable of the Minas’* **(Luke 19: 11-27)** – The strong conclusion of the parable shows that **responding to the reign of Jesus is a Life-or-Death decision!** *Now it's time!*

Now we see Jesus...

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A. Approaching Jerusalem (28-29a) – It was a steep climb from Jericho to Jerusalem, about **4,000 feet over 20 miles**. During his public ministry Jesus made many visits there to celebrate feasts, but this was now **His final journey**, which began back in **(Luke 9:51)**, which states that He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem! – This action also marks the beginning of the final week of Jesus' life on earth as a human being. It is called the **PASSION WEEK** for many reasons, but mainly because **He was passionate about obeying His Father's will!**

- In **(v.29)** we see that Jesus sent two ‘unnamed disciples’ to a town called **Bethphage** *(house of unripe figs)* and **Bethany** *(House of dates)*, on the western slope of **Olivet**; **to get a donkey to use for His entrance into the holy city.**
- **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!”*

- The resurrected Jesus also made **His ascension** to Heaven from this location (**Acts 1:9-11**)
- Eschatologically, *the Lord will return to the Mt. of Olives* to defend Israel and pour out His wrath against the nations (**Zech 14:4**)

Jesus gave the two disciples...

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B. Absolute Instructions (29b-34) – **Specific Directions to be carried out for His purposes!** – He said, **“Go”** and they went, *amen...* He said, **“find the colt,”** and they found it were 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!** (*He knows everything and has a reason for everything!*) When He instructs us to do something, **Trust and Obey Him as your LORD... you will never be disappointed!**

- (v.31,34) mentions that **“the Lord had need of a donkey.”** You might ask, for what reason? May I suggest for the same reason that he needed a **Boat to preach** (**Luke 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! (*Are you one?*)

Now we see the...

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C. Adoration Begins (35-38) – As they brought back the colt to the Lord, their actions **paved the way for Adoration and Praise of their King!**

- Out of **acknowledgment and respect for their Lord (v.35)**, His **DISCIPLES spread their clothes** on the colt of which **“no one had ever sat” (30)**. *A seat on which no one else could ever claim!*
- Others followed the disciples by **laying their clothes on the road (v.36)**, as well spreading out **“Leafy Branches” (Mark 11:8)**. – **PALM BRANCHES** which signified **their acceptance of their new King**. – Their actions were part of an ‘ancient practice’ when welcoming a new king; as with **Jehu, (2 Kings 9:12-13)**.

1. 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, Here Comes the King!*) – **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!”**

2. The Crowd (v.38), **extravagantly honored Jesus and praised God** for sending His King to Jerusalem, saying **Blessed is the King who comes in the name of LORD!** – Luke acknowledges him as **KING**, while (**Matt 21:9, Mark 11:9**) write, **Blessed is “HE,”** an exact quotation from (**Psalm 118:26**), along with the Messianic title, **“Son of David.”**

- During His public ministry, Jesus advised many people to **“keep quiet”** about their own discoveries (**cf. Matt 12:16; 16:20**). **But now He allows 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 prophesy 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). *He is the Most Holy, and Messiah the Prince, yet not all praised Him as King...*

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D. **Appalled Pharisees (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! – **These Pharisees could NOT acknowledge the truth, because they were blinded by unbelief!** *They actually shouted at Jesus to REBUKE His disciples! I love Jesus' astounding answer...*

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E. **Astounding Answer (40)** – Jesus responds to their request with **two definite conclusions**: **First off**, Jesus knew that they **WOULD NOT STOP** praising Him at that moment, so He **allowed them to acknowledge the truth that He Is Their King!** **Secondly**, He made it clear that **“If”** silencing them was possible, they would hear the **LOUDEST ROCK CONCERT EVER!** *(I wish that they all would have been QUIET for one moment! How would rocks sound in praise?)*

- **Jesus, the KING deserves proper praise and adoration!** – He is worthy of it! – **“Nothing tells Satan and his followers that they have lost like the praises of God ringing in their ears.”** – Guzik

CLOSING THOUGHT: *How do you handle the news of Jesus as Messiah, Savior, Lord and King? Does worship, praise, and adoration irritate you?* – Have you received the King?

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II. THE KING'S REMORSE (41-44) – 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! (Luke 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 **the true PEACE** that it was ordained to have. – **Jesus is referred to as the “Prince of Peace”** *When Jesus is believed upon in the heart... that is when true peace comes!* 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!*

CLOSING THOUGHT: The name **Jerusalem** means **“City of Peace”**; but the city of peace did not know the spiritual things which could bring their peace. *Jesus weeps b/c unbelief brings destruction!*

III. THE KING RESTORES (45-48) – **The Visitation of the King did not stop there**; Now 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 went right to work by...

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A. Reclaiming 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). – **Like our King, We have to take a Stand for our Fathers House!**

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B. Restoring True Worship (46-48) – 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. Resuming Right Teaching (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. – **Like our King, We should be attentive to Hear Him Daily!**

- **How do you 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*)

CLOSING THOUGHTS: As you celebrate **PALM SUNDAY** remember that us that **Jesus Came to Reveal Himself to YOU as King.** – Also remember that **He weeps over those who choose to remain spiritually blind**, knowing that destruction that comes from such unbelief. **And finally, Remember that Jesus Can Restore that which Broken in your life!**