



LIFEgroup study  
for the week of March 28, 2021  
Luke 19:28-40 – Palm Sunday

### PRAY & INTRODUCTION

The message this weekend and Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday, jumped way ahead in the book of Luke because of the importance to study the events of Holy Week on their anniversary. Share a time when the events highlighted in this week were especially meaningful to you. It is a precious gift that, unlike Christmas, we can know precisely the dates (not the year) of these events.

As Pastor D. highlighted the wide variety of players in the Palm Sunday story, we realize that from the very beginning, Jesus' claims cause division. What was inspiring or meaningful or even possibly divisive that you took away from the sermon this weekend?

### READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

1. Describe the various reactions that people have when they encounter the real Jesus in Luke 19:28-40. Review with one another the reasons for the differences in reaction. Which of them would you categorize as sinful? How does a person move from ignorant or immature to being part of the committed or core? What might you do to come alongside a person and help them on their journey?
2. In verses 39-40, the Pharisees tell Jesus to rebuke his disciples and Jesus does not comply. Discuss the possible options of the significance of his response. Who were the people shouting for? What was the purpose of their actions?
3. Back in Luke 12:49-53, a section that we will study in a couple months, Jesus says he did not come to "bring peace, but division." However, Luke 19:38 and also jumping ahead to verse 42 refer to Jesus as one who brings peace. How are both of these things true? When has Jesus, in different life situations, caused both division and peace in you?
4. Discuss the context of this story as Pastor described it. What would have had to be occurring to make such a spontaneous explosion of response possible?
5. Read 2 Corinthians 2:14-16. This passage describes the division that we, as disciples of Christ, cause among people by our presence and our witness to Jesus' message. Take a minute to share times when you've been the "aroma of Christ" in someone else's life. Share with one another a couple examples of well-meaning believers who tend to cause a "stink" rather than "aroma". Can you think of a time when you caused a "stink"? Can you think of words of wisdom for "stinkers" that might be well received that would perhaps make their witness more palatable?
6. Have you ever thought that Christ's return was imminent? What were the circumstances that led to that thought? Share some reasons why you are excited about Christ's return. Are there any reasons that you are nervous of Christ's return? Be specific and let your answers lead into a time of praise and prayer.

As always, please share prayer requests and challenge each other to pray over these requests.



**Palm Sunday - You-Me-Rocks - Luke 19:28-40**  
Sunday, March 28, 2021 – Pastor D. R. Hilken

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Context – On Nisan 10

Jericho – Parable of the Tenants

UP to Jerusalem

ONTO the donkey

OVER the Mount of Olives

Verse 37 – “the whole multitude of His disciples”

*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,*

The contentious

The CURIOUS

The concerned

The COMMITTED

The CORE

Verse 38 – “the whole multitude of His disciples”

*saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”,*

Liturgy of the Passover – The Hallel

*Psalm 118:25–26 (ESV) --- Save us, we pray, O Lord!  
O Lord, we pray, give us success! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We bless you from the house of the Lord.*

Psalm 148 - Creation rightfully PRAISES the CREATOR

PRAISE the Lord (verses 12-14)

Inanimate (verses 7-8)

Living creatures (verse 10)

All HUMANKIND including every RULER (verses 11-12)