

Luke 19:35-40 (NIV)

35 They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it.

36 As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

37 When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

38 "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus,

"Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"

40 "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

*I Can't Help
But Give Him Praise*

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Introduction

Jesus is on his way to Calvary...

*Jesus is nearing the end of His earthly assignment
and he makes his triumphant entry into Jerusalem*

*As he travels **THE CROWDS** begin to gather... This is what arrested my attention...*

Let's Examine this crowd...

*There are those in the crowd who follow because of **CURIOSITY...***

They had heard about his messages, about his miracles, and about his ministry

*Their **curiosity** attracted them to the crowd*

*Then there are those in the crowd who follow because of **CONSPIRACY...***

*They are following him, always seeking to conspire and collaborate **against him***

They were threatened by his power, his purpose and his popularity

*Their continous **conspiracy** attracted them to the crowd*

*Then there are those in the crowd who follow because of **THEY CAN'T HELP IT...***

*They have had an **encounter** with him that they can't **explain...***

*They are not **curious** or **conspiring...** They are **convicted** and **convinced***

*That can't **NOBODY DO THEM LIKE JESUS...***

Introduction

*I have discovered that this **crowd** that is gathered for Jesus' triumphant entry*

*Is not **unique** or **exclusive**...*

*In **every crowd**, In **every gathering**, In **every following**
You will have people who respond and react to Jesus in different ways...*

*For some they respond to Jesus....**Only** when he does what aligns with their plans
Motto: **If** God is good... I will praise Him all the time... I will bless him at that time*

*For some they respond to Jesus with **debate questions**....They are always trying to go
against his will, against his ways, and against his word... They question everything
Motto: **If** You can convince me, I will believe... But I still have questions*

*For some they respond to Jesus because that seems like the popular thing to do
They **don't really know him**, but they don't want to go against the crowd
Motto: I'd rather be **safe** than sorry*

*Then there are those like Me... **I Can't Help But Give Him Praise**
I have **enough evidence** to know HE IS THE ONLY ONE
I have made up my mind To LIVE IS CHRIST and TO DIE IS GAIN*

Introduction

Even in the midst of a Global Pandemic...

I CAN'T HELP BUT GIVE HIM PRAISE

Despite not being able to gather in the Sanctuary

I CAN'T HELP BUT GIVE HIM PRAISE

Despite the Death, Disease, and Disasters that we've faced

I CAN'T HELP BUT GIVE HIM PRAISE

For some they struggle with giving God praise in the midst of this...

For some they struggle with why a God who loves his people would allow this...

For some they struggle with God's plan, God's purpose, and God's procedures

For some they struggle with the idea of worshiping virtually...

*And they ask me Pastor Ellison, How can you **STILL PRAISE HIM***

In the Midst Of It All

Let me tell you a few reasons

Praise Him Because Of What I Heard

Luke 19:38 (NIV)

*38 "Blessed is **the king** who comes in the name of the Lord!"
"Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"*

There were some dedicated disciples in the crowd who were familiar with the Old Testament...

They have heard the prophet talk about HIM who is to COME...

They had read in Zechariah 9:9

*9 **Rejoice**, O people of Zion! **Shout** in triumph, O people of Jerusalem! Look, **your king is coming to you.**
He is righteous and **victorious**, yet he is humble, riding on a donkey— **riding on a donkey's colt.***

*They had HEARD that their King, their Savior, and their Redeemer was coming to deliver them from
their situation... What they heard in his Word and **now it was coming to pass...***

*They had been **PROMISED** a lively hope... And now they have an **EXPECTATION** of what they heard*

*When we read the Scriptures, When we read the Bible, When we read God's Holy Word
It develops an **EXPECTATION** ~ It produces a Hope That what He said, He will perform...*

*They had heard a Word and now they are praising him with **HOPE***

*The word **HOPE** means to **EXPECT**. Hope is not wishful thinking, or some pie-in-the-sky dream.*

*It is a **mindset** ~ It is an **attitude** ~ It is a **privilege** we have as children of God*

THEY HEARD IT, THEY BELIEVED IT, now THEY ARE PRAISING HIM

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That's Important This Morning Because We need to start expecting something from God.

We need to wake up every morning expecting God to move in our life.

We need to expect God's favor, His love, and guidance.

We need to expect God to open the right doors and close the wrong ones.

The problem is many of us expect bad things to happen rather than good things.

*When something goes wrong, the first thing that comes out of our mouths is-
"I knew this would happen"*

*This Crowd of Disciples had **HEARD** in **HIS WORD** would God **WOULD DO***

*And this caused them to **REJOICE***

*And this caused them to **PRAISE HIM***

*And this caused them to **BOW IN ADORATION***

*What you've **HEARD** in the **WORD** should produce an **EXPECTATION***

Praise Him Because Of What I Heard

I HEARD SOMETHING ~ THEREFORE I HAVE AN EXPECTATION

3 John 1:2 ~ Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers.

James 5:15 ~ And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up.

Psalms 41:3 ~ The LORD will sustain him on his sickbed and restore him from his bed of illness.

Isaiah 53:5 ~ But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.

Therefore, I am EXPECTING God to heal my body

Joel 2:25 ~ "So I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten..

Jeremiah 30:17 ~ For I will restore health to you, and your wounds I will heal, declares the Lord

1 Peter 5:10 ~ And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

Therefore, I am EXPECTING God to give me RESTORATION

Isaiah 41:10 ~ Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Psalms 121:5 ~ The Lord is thy keeper...

Jude 1:24 ~ Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling,

Therefore, I am EXPECTING God to Keep Me

Praise Him Because Of What I Heard

YOU HEARD SOMETHING ~ THEREFORE YOU SHOULD HAVE AN EXPECTATION

Haven't You HEARD....

*Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think,
according to the power that works in us,*

And my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

The Lord is My Shepherd I Shall Not Want

God Is My Refuge and Strength, A Very Present Help In Time of Trouble

*Eyes have not seen, Ears have not heard, neither has it entered into the hearts of men
The good things that God has in store...*

Because of What I Heard... I Can't Help But Praise Him

Praise Him Because Of What I Have Seen

Luke 19:37 (NIV)

*37 When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for **ALL THE MIRACLES THEY HAD SEEN...***

*No doubt there were those in the crowd who had been delivered from some things...
There were those in the crowd who had been changed by his ministry...*

Someone had seen him heal the Woman with issue of blood....

Someone was in the crowd when he gave Blind Bartimeas his sight...

Someone was in the crowd who watched the Man at the pool of Bethesda take up his bed and walk

Someone was in the crowd who was part of the funeral procession for Widow's Son at Nain

Someone was in the crowd who celebrated with Lazarus, Mary, and Martha after he was raised up

Someone was in the crowd who watched the Paralyzed Man come down through roof

Someone was in the crowd who watched knew One of the Ten Lepers who forgot to say thank you...

Someone was in the crowd who witnessed the feeding of the 5000 with 2 fish and five loaves

*So, Because of **what they had seen**, They began to **PRAISE JESUS** with a loud voice*

*They had **witnessed his wonders** and felt he was **worthy of adoration and praise***

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*Somebody in this virtual crowd today, can testify just like this crowd in the text...
I have experienced him for myself... There are some things that God has done for you this morning...*

*You have **SEEN GOD** make ways out of no way*

*You have **SEEN GOD** turn your life around*

*You have **SEEN GOD** bring you through*

*You have **SEEN GOD** heal your body*

*You have **SEEN GOD** restore your joy*

*You have a reason to shout this morning... You Have **SEEN GOD** Do The **SUPERNATURAL***

*I Just Believe If You Have **Seen Something** ~ Then You Should **Say Something**....*

*You have a responsibility to praise HIM this morning...Let the redeemed of the Lord **SAY SO**...*

*Make a **JOYFUL NOISE** unto the Lord...Let everything that has breath **PRAISE THE LORD**...*

BECAUSE OF WHAT I HAVE SEEN ~ I CAN'T HELP BUT PRAISE HIM

Praise Him Because Of What I Know

Matthew 21:10-11 (NIV)

10 When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "WHO IS THIS?"

11 The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

*This represents the crowd who make noise because they are **excited**, but not **educated**...
You do know that some people's praise is more performing arts rather than pure praise...
Paul says, they have a **ZEAL of God**, but not according to **KNOWLEDGE/EXPERIENCE***

*What good is it...to come to church and be **jammimg**' but don't have any joy...*

*What good is it...to come to church and get your **PRAISE ON**, but don't have any **peace**...*

*What good is it... to come to church and get **CRUNK**, but never feel **comforted***

*What good is it... to come to church and constantly **SHOUT**, but never **renew your strength***

Your Praise Should Not Be Based On A Feeling ~ It Should Be Based On Your Faith

*I Have **Faith** to do the impossible, to see the invisible*

***Faith** that Can Conquer Anything*

*Because of What **I KNOW** ~ I Can't Help Myself*

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But this morning, you have a PRAISE on the inside ~ not just about excitement, empty enthusiasm...

But you have a zeal according to knowledge...You KNOW WHO HE IS....

You KNOW that He Is ~ Jehovah-Jirah (The Lord Who Provides)

You KNOW that He Is ~ Jehovah Shalom (The Lord Is My Peace)

You KNOW that He Is ~ Jehovah Rapha (The Lord That Heals)

You KNOW that He Is ~ Jehovah Shammah (The Lord Is Always There)

You Are Praising Him Because Of What You KNOW

He is The Way When there seems to be no way

He is Your Joy in a Time of Sorrow

He is Your Shelter in the Time of Storm...

He is Your EVERYTHING

Praise Him Because Of What I KNOW....

Conclusion

Word of Caution

Not everyone will be excited about *Your Praise*

There are still Members of the *IT DON'T TAKE ALL THAT COMMITTEE*

Jesus experienced this in the text... “Rebuke your disciples for saying things like this....”

Look at what he says... “*If they keep quiet, the stones will cry out*”

This made me ask the question, why would *stones cry out* in Jesus’ presence

Upon further investigation, there are some stones that have seen, heard, and know some things....

Exodus 12 ~ The Stone that Moses spoke to and WATER came out of it...

Joshua 4 ~ The 12 stones who watched the rivers open up, so God’s people could walk across on dry ground

Mark 5 ~ There were these stones that the man in the graveyard used to cut himself until he met Jesus

John 8 ~ There were these stones that they were prepared for the woman caught in adultery, shown mercy

John 11 ~ Stone that was at the entrance of Lazarus grave, heard Jesus speak Life to a dead situation

Matthew 28 ~ There was a stone that the angel was sitting on when he said, He Is Not Here, He Has Risen

Stones Have A Enough To Testify

But I Don’t Need Any Stones Crying Out For Me..... I Have A Reason To Praise Him For Myself

Conclusion

If I don't have a dime in my pocket

If they repossess my car

If they foreclose on my house....

I Still Can't Help But Give Him Praise

If I Don't Get The Healing

If I Don't Get The Promotion

If I Don't Get The Increase

I Still Can't Help But Give Him Praise

I don't measure the goodness of God based on material things

I have Joy That The World Can't Give

I have Peace That Surpasses All Understanding

After All I've Been Through ~ I'm Still In My Right Mind

As Much As I Have Disappointed Him ~ He Still Keeps Making A Way For Me

I Still Can't Help But Give Him Praise

Songwriter said it Like This....

For Every Mountain, You Brought Me Over ~ For Every Trial You Seen Me Through

For Every Blessing, Hallelujah, For This I Give You PRAISE....

Conclusion

Remember This

Praise Him Because Of What You Have Heard

Praise Him Because Of What You Have Seen

Praise Him Because Of What You Know

Don't Lose Your Praise