

An Easter Journey
“The Road to Redemption”
Luke 19:28-44

Jesus is the Eternal King, the promised Messiah, Who comes in the name of the LORD. His triumphal entry into Jerusalem at the beginning of Holy Week does not appear very triumphant to casual observers; but to the eyes of faith, it reveals the first coming of the King! The hope of Easter begins with the divine promise of redemption.

1. Redemption—Prophecy Fulfilled (vv.28-35)

This passage makes reference to three distinct prophecies from the Old Testament—*Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26, 27; and Micah 3:9-12.*

Luke’s connection of these events and the prophetic words of Jesus to ancient predictions from Israel’s history shows the intentional unfolding of a divine plan originating in eternity past. Nothing about the death/resurrection of Jesus was accidental or surprising to God.

2. Redemption—Truth Proclaimed (vv.36-40)

This spontaneous demonstration of praise acknowledges the truth about this Man of miracles. His messianic glory is openly recognized by His followers. More than a babe in the manger, more than a prophet from Galilee, more than a miracle-worker, He was a royal figure entering the royal city down the royal road. Here was the King finally establishing His kingdom of peace!

This praise was too much for the Pharisees. They demand that He disavow the accolades and silence the crowd. Impossible! If human voices go silent, nature would step into the silence with audible praises. The witness of inanimate objects is seen in the OT as well. (*Habakkuk 2:11*)

3. Redemption—Heart of God Displayed (vv.41-44)

He recognized the true condition of the city, represented more accurately by the Pharisees than the crowd of worshippers around Him. Like another prophet (Jeremiah), He pauses and announces the coming judgment on Jerusalem. He does this, not with anger, but with tears on His cheeks. We see Jesus weep only three times. (See *John 11:35; Luke 13:34*) Each time displays the heart of God.

This prophecy of Jerusalem’s coming destruction in A.D. 70 shows a striking parallel to the prophecy of *Isaiah 1*.