

A. Sermon Scripture

Luke 19:28-44 (CSB)

²⁸ When he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ As he approached Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples ³⁰ and said, “Go into the village ahead of you. As you enter it, you will find a young donkey tied there, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it.

³¹ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say this: ‘The Lord needs it.’”

³² So those who were sent left and found it just as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the young donkey, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the donkey?”

³⁴ “The Lord needs it,” they said. ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their clothes on the donkey, they helped Jesus get on it. ³⁶ As he was going along, they were spreading their clothes on the road. ³⁷ Now he came near the path down the Mount of Olives, and the whole crowd of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the miracles they had seen:

³⁸ **Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.**^[a]

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven!

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees from the crowd told him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.”

⁴⁰ He answered, “I tell you, if they were to keep silent, the stones would cry out.”

⁴¹ As he approached and saw the city, he wept for it, ⁴² saying, “If you knew this day what would bring peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. ⁴³ For the days will come on you when your enemies will build a barricade around you, surround you, and hem you in on every side. ⁴⁴ They will crush you and your children among you to the ground, and they will not leave one stone on another in your midst, because you did not recognize the time when God visited you.”

B. Community Group Questions

1) Discuss the political tension surrounding this procession. How might this have played into the crowd's support and willingness to speak out against the empire?

2) Who is present during this procession and what are their hopes (and fears) in Jesus?

3) How does Jesus respond to the wants of the crowd?

4) Quickly review John's account of the feeding of the 5,000 and the response of that crowd (John 6). How does this moment on Palm Sunday reflect the aftermath of the feeding of the 5,000?

5) How have you approached Jesus for physical needs and rejected him for spiritual needs in your life this week?

6) Josh taught that *where we run to in our time of need reveals our true source of salvation*. Do you agree/disagree? How have you seen this play out in your own life?

7) Today is the day for salvation! If you have placed your hope in a physical savior for physical salvation, ask your group to pray for you and to lead you into a true salvation sourced in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ!

8) Prayer & Praise