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Looking Ahead:	
April 09	"What's Your Reaction to the Resurrection of Jesus?," Luke 23:1-12
April 16	"Understanding our God-Given Ministry," 2 Corinthians 4:1-6
	~ The commissioning of Dr. Brandon and Jenna Cole in God's call to missions.
April 23	<i>"Reflections of My Heart for You,"</i> Philippians 1:6-28 ~ Pastor Phil's last sermon.

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"Being in the Presence of Christ"

Luke 19:28-44

April 2, 2023

Introduction: Have you ever worked at a job, that when the Boss is away

- I. The Call for Adherence, v.30-34.
 - A. We will seek to hear our Lord, v.30-31.
 - 1. Jesus gives us instructions.
 - 2. Jesus makes His instructions clear.
 - The Lord tells us what we need to know to carry out His purpose.
 - B. We will seek to obey Him, v.32-34.
 - C. Application:

Jm.1:22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

- II. The Call for Adoration, v.35-38.
 - A. We will seek to exalt our Lord with our actions, v.35-36.
 - 1. Question: Why did the people act out this exaltation of this man?
 - 2. Question: Why did Jesus accept the honor that was being bestowed on Him?

Zech.9:9 Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Zech.11:12 I told them, "If you think it best, give me my pay; but if not, keep it." So they paid me thirty pieces of silver.

B. We will seek to exalt the Lord with our voices, v.37-38.

Jn.3:2 He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him."

C. Application:

Worship ~ "Being moved in my heart to a place of obedience."

- III. The Call for Allegiance, v.39-40.
 - A. Not everyone will be devoted to the Lord.
 - B. Christ will be worshipped!

Zech.3:8 "I am going to bring my servant, the Branch. ⁹ See, the stone I have set in front of Joshua! There are seven eyes on that one stone, and I will engrave an inscription on it,' says the LORD Almighty, 'and I will remove the sin of this land in a single day.'"

Jn.1:29 ... "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

C. Application:

- IV. The Call for Acceptance, v.41-44.
 - A. Not everyone will believe in Christ as their Savior.
 - 1. Unbelief results in sorrow, v.41.
 - 2. Unbelief results in a lack of peace, v.42.
 - 3. Unbelief results in judgment, v.43-44.
 - B. Application:

1 Jn.5:11 And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹² Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

Jn.1:12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—

Conclusion:

- How do I react to the presence of Christ?
- Have I received Jesus as my Savior?
- Are there areas of disobedience I need to confess?
- Am I submitting my life to Jesus every day?
- Will I pledge my allegiance to Jesus, and not the things of this world?