

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

These questions are designed to help you talk about God's word and Pastor Brian's message with friends and family. You of course can use your own questions, but we'd like to give you this tool to encourage Biblical fellowship and discipleship in your circle of relationships. **Enjoy discovering more about Him!**

## "THE GLORY OF THE LORD RETURNS" | LUKE 19: 28-40 | PASTOR DAN EFFINGER

### WARM-UP QUESTION:

*If you were out in public, what would be signs or clues that a very important person or celebrity was in the area?*

### "A Royal Mount" (Luke 19: 28-34)

Jesus is very precise in his instructions for his disciples to bring him a donkey colt that has never been ridden in order to fulfill a prophesy about being Messiah. **What is significant about Jesus allowing his followers to be part of fulfilling prophecy? What does that mean for Christ followers today?**

### "A Royal Entry" (Luke 19: 35-38)

Jesus' followers create a public spectacle by using their cloaks to line the road and shouting "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord". **What are ways Christ followers can publicly point to Jesus today? What are challenges that come with that?**

### "An Unstoppable Royalty" (Luke 19: 39-40)

Some people in the crowd think this display is inappropriate, but Jesus tells them the rocks would cry out if the people didn't, showing praise was going to happen one way or another. **What does that show about Jesus as King? What does it mean for people today?**

### REFLECTION QUESTION:

Jesus clearly announced He is King and encouraged his followers to be part of this movement for God's glory to return. But some were uncomfortable and offended by this display. **How do you react to visible displays of faith? What does that show about God's place in your life? Where do you need the glory of the Lord to return in your life?**

## 1. Intro:

Between the birth of Jesus, the crucifixion of Jesus, and Resurrection of Jesus there is a very significant event that happens, and this will be our concentration this morning.

- One difficulty I had getting to the heart of this was not having the cultural significance and historical perspective that I would have had if I were a Jew living in the times of Jesus.
- I want to take a minute and talk about that before we look at the text.

## 2. Mind Set; For the Jew they were:

- **Politically Astute**, God will use their kings for their blessings and the whole world.
- **Image Conscious**, they see different icons as reminders of what God is doing.
- **Geographically Aware**, God does significant things in and around the temple.
- **Scripturally literate**, they are aware of redemptive history.

### Politically Astute

Christmas, We know that Jesus comes into the world and we celebrate this every year. The Christ child. The savior of the world. But we don't think politically about Messiah but maybe about a leader God is going to use.

For the Jew what they are looking for is more practical. They are looking for a king.

## 3. A coming king has it's roots in most of the OT teachings and writings and so it's natural.

Looking for a Patriarchal blessing to Judah

**Genesis 49:10** | "The **scepter** will not depart from **Judah**, nor the ruler's staff from his descendants, until the coming of the one to whom it belongs, the one whom all nations will honor." **11** | "He ties his foal to a grapevine, the colt of his **donkey** to a choice vine. He washes his clothes in wine, his robes in the blood of grapes."

Every gathering would include discussion of when and how this was going to happen.

They are looking for the scepter to return.

Rooted in the mind of Jewish tradition and consciousness is the idea that Messiah, King, Savior, Ruler is the one who would enter Jerusalem riding a donkey.

**Micah 5:2** | "But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, are only a small village among all the people of **Judah**. Yet a **ruler** of Israel whose origins are in the distant past, will come from you on my behalf."

Many words describe the coming One.

Savior

Ruler

King

The government will be upon His shoulders

4. **Separation between head and heart;** they are living under the rule of foreign nations, and they are looking for freedom.

**Whenever there is separation, we will have chaos (madness) but Jesus has come to bring wholeness.**

Rome Pax Romana – IF you go against Rome you will die

Rome Antonina Fortress Keeps eye, politically instability

It would be like having a police station attached to our bldg. and if the police don't like something they would disrupt it.

**Luke has been developing the story of kingship from the beginning.**

**Luke 1:32–33** | ...unto you will be born the savior of the world. "He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. **The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David.** " "And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!"

**Matthew 2:2** | "'Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him.'" **6** | "'And you, O Bethlehem in the land of Judah, are not least among the ruling cities of Judah, for a ruler will come from you who will be the shepherd for my people Israel.' "

- **Lk 9 Peter declares Jesus to be the Christ**
- **Jesus predicts His death.**
- **The transfiguration**
- **9:51 - And Jesus set his face toward Jerusalem.**
  
- **Lk 19**
- **The Son of man (dan 7:13) came to seek and save that which was lost.**
  
- **He told them a story to correct the impression that the Kingdom of God would being right away.**
  - **No doubt reference to an worldly kingdom**
  
- **A nobleman will be crowned King and return** – Before the Kingdom comes there will be an accounting. **I'm going to a different kingdom where I will be crowned King.** When I return there will be an accounting, so stay busy I have given you gifts, and those who oppose me will be judged as treasonous.

And now our teaching,

**Luke 19:28–40** | "After telling this story, Jesus went on toward Jerusalem, walking ahead of his disciples. " **29** "As he came to the towns of Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he sent two disciples ahead. " **30** "'Go into that village over there," he told them. "As you enter it, you will see a young donkey tied there that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. " **31**"If anyone asks, 'Why are you untying that colt?' just say, 'The Lord needs it.' " " **32**"So they went and found the colt, just as Jesus had said. " **33**"And sure enough, as they were untying it, the owners asked them, "Why are you untying that colt?" " **34**"And the disciples simply replied, "The Lord needs it." " **35**"So they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments over it for him to ride on. " **36**"As he rode along, the crowds spread out their garments on

the road ahead of him. " **37**"When he reached the place where the road started down the Mount of Olives, all of his followers began to shout and sing as they walked along, praising God for all the wonderful miracles they had seen. " **38**"Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the LORD! Peace in heaven, and glory in highest heaven!" " **39**"But some of the Pharisees among the crowd said, "Teacher, rebuke your followers for saying things like that!" " **40**"He replied, "If they kept quiet, the stones along the road would burst into cheers!""

## 1. Road from Jehrico.

- Bethphage
- Bethany
- Roman Road would have had it this way.
- Bethpage was a village or a home which was visited first.

## 2. Mount of Olives

- **Go into that village**
- **Colt**
  - Bring
  - Intentional prophetic fulfilment. Likely of **Gen 49:11**
  - Patriarchal blessing is the lion of Judah will enter riding a donkey.
- Roots of Zech prophecy.

## 3. **Zechariah 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."

- Not just a **donkey** – A royal mount....
- Colt, or never ridden IF you were a king or a son you rode donkeys.
  - Judge 10:4 12:14
  - 30 Sons
  - 30 sons and 40 Grandsons
- **(31)** Go and take a donkey Strange? Theft?
- **Eminent Domain** – A king who has need can acquire any beast of burden.

## **(31)** "The Lord has need of it."

- **Kurios** – Sir, Lord, or Master, tell them that the sovereign One, the King has need of it and they will send it.
- Normally Jesus would enter Jerusalem by foot, but a king wouldn't enter this way.
- The imagery is there is a new king in town.

**(35, 36)** **Garments** made into a saddle

Garments were thrown into the pathway

A red carpet of sorts.

John and Mark record that **palm branches** were spread.

Symbols of victory and independence.

#### Roots in the OT

Ahab / Jezabel / Pagaisim / Murder

Elisha / Announcment/ Oil / Jehu / Anointed King in place of Ahab / Jehu

Jehu / followers / **Jehu is king** / clothing put down and he walked across them

Principle is same **2 kings 9:13**

- Imagery that Luke uses is Suggestive that something huge is happening

**The king, riding on a donkey never ridden, tied to a vine, clothes laid out, entering the eastern gate, with palm branches laid out and the people shouting blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**What they don't understand that he was to assume his throne of the cross.**

Jesus has already told them not to look for an worldly kingdom- Independence wasn't the rule of self-determination, but freedom in Him which is different from the worlds sys tem of power and control.

#### 4. Geographically Significant

**(37)** When he reached the place where the road started down the Mount of Olives, all of his followers began to shout and sing as they walked along,<sup>1</sup>Procession begins at Bethany

Mt. Olives 300 feet above Jerusalem.

Across from it is an eastern Gate which is walled in but you can see it.

- Ez 10:18, 19 586 captivity of Jerusalem in Bab
- EZ 11:23 It's departing  
Ezek vision/ glory of God rise up from the temple and the glory of God departs  
Goes up 300 feet and down on the mount of Olives.

**In 586 Ez saw the glory leave.**

And now the ONE has returned as the brightness of the glory of God  
From Mt. Olives, via Bethany  
Goes through the east gate  
The glory of God left

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Now the glory comes back.  
No one understood.  
He is the king of glory

Ez 43 the prophecy declares that glory of the Lord returns

(2) Suddenly, the glory of the God of Israel appeared from the east. The sound of his coming was like the roar of rushing waters.....(3) And the glory of the LORD came into the Temple through the east gateway. <sup>2</sup> Jesus begins his journey from the East and clothing and palm branches (John and Mark) are laid out.....(5) and the glory of the LORD filled the Temple.<sup>3</sup>

### **Symbols of victory**

- **(38) Hosanna Blessings on the king who comes in the name of the Lord.**
- **Luke is the gospel that records Even the rocks would cry out. – Strange.**
  - **If the people don't declare it and fulfill this prophecy then so sure is the word of God the rocks would cry out.**
- **Marks Gospel records something unique –**

Jesus enters into the Temple late  
Looks around  
Returns to Bethany  
Anti climatic – as if nothing significant happened.

- Since Luke 9 Jesus has been heading to Jerusalem  
Penultimate not a city  
Ultimate was the temple.  
He is looking at the place where sacrifices were offered

He was looking around at the place where historically the sacrifices were offered.

The temple replaced the tabernacle.  
Its use was a living prophecy of the messiah who was to come.

John 1:1 “in the beginning was the word and word was with God and the word was God. **(14) And the word became flesh and dwelt among us.**

- **Literally he tabernacled**  
The tabernacle was the place that God dwelt and  
Jesus is the tabernacle.  
He is the fulfillment  
He is the temple; He is the Holy of Holy

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<sup>2</sup> Tyndale House Publishers. (2015). [Holy Bible: New Living Translation](#) (Eze 43:4). Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale House Publishers.

<sup>3</sup> Tyndale House Publishers. (2015). [Holy Bible: New Living Translation](#) (Eze 43:5). Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale House Publishers.

He will tear this temple down  
After 3 days I will raise it up  
Speaking of self  
He was born for this.

He is about to meet the destiny of what he was born for.

5. And now we are about to celebrate communion together.

- It is King Jesus who communes
- He tabernacles among us
- His glory returns and He is King.  
He is the answer to everything we need because He is with us.

**The question I want us to reflect on during our communion this morning is where do you need glory of the Lord to return to in your life?**

- Anxiety, Despair, Hopeless, and you feel in pieces? Tell Jesus about that and let His glory return.
- Abandoned, Rejected? Tell Jesus of your loneliness and let the glory return.
- Uncertain, At Risk, Fearful? Tell Jesus about that and let the glory return in your life.
- Chaotic, and discouraged? Tell Jesus about that and let the glory return in your life in a new way.
- Sin has taken root and you feel Powerless? Tell Jesus what's going and let the glory return to your life in new freedom.
- Whatever you feel you have lost in life; Tell Jesus about it and let the glory return restoring what you have been separated from.

This is the essence of communion, isn't it?

That we remember He tabernacles with us and we are not alone so that His glory can fill us. So, the Kings can tabernacle with us.

Let the gateway of your heart be open so Jesus can triumphantly enter and let the glory return.

Songs

Be quiet and get nothing – wait a few moments.

Sing

Contemplate

When you feel ready for the glory of the Lord to be present commune with Him.

**Luke 22:19–20** | "And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." " "And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood." I am going to have elements handed out

When you are ready take of the bread and wine do so, and we will close in a few minutes.