

Luke's Gospel: The day God visits you.

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Text: Luke 19:28-44

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28 And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. 29 When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, 30 saying, "Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. 31 If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.'" 32 So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. 33 And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" 34 And they said, "The Lord has need of it."

Jesus, that's my donkey!

35 And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. 36 And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. 37 As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, 38 saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" 39 And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." 40 He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

Jesus shows up in the world on your donkey.

41 And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, 42 saying, "Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. 43 For the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up a barricade around you and surround you and hem you in on every side 44 and tear you down to the ground, you and your children within you. And they will not leave one stone upon another in you, because you did not know the time of your visitation."

Do you know the day of your visitation?

Food for Thought for the week of September 12, 2021

(Questions and Scriptures for further study and discussion.)

As you think about these questions, remember that God's Word is living and active, able to time-travel, and has been written for you.

1. Where are you in the passage? Picture yourself standing in the crowd, listening to Jesus. What are you feeling? Conviction? Compassion? Is He looking at you?
2. Now imagine that Jesus has finished speaking and you approach Him. He smiles and welcomes you over. What do you want to ask Him?
3. As you listen to His Spirit and continue to reflect on the story, how does He answer you? What else is He saying to you?
4. Part of responding to God's Word is realizing that His grace is the fuel that will enable you. Do you sense His grace at work in your heart? What is He asking you to do next?