



Sermon Discussion Questions
March 3, 2024

Jesus in Jerusalem
HANGING ON HIS WORDS
Luke 19:28-48

1. Opening Discussion Questions (in a group setting you will probably only want to do one of these questions)

- a. Have you ever experienced a moment so profound, so impactful, that it left an indelible mark on your life? Perhaps it was a stirring speech, a historic event, or a personal encounter that moved you to the core? If so, describe how that moment affected your life. Why are you different because of that moment? Did it make you a better human being?
- b. Do you remember the day you received Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior? What were the circumstances surrounding your acceptance into the Kingdom of God with all its privileges? How did that moment change your life?

2. Sermon Outline/Key Points

- a. God Wants Us to Give Graciously
 - i. Jesus asks the disciples to bring him a colt (Luke 19: 28-34)
 - ii. The disciples provide coats for him to sit on (Luke 19: 35)
 - iii. The disciples make a carpet of coats for him (Luke 19:36)
 - iv. Jesus fulfills an Old Testament prophecy riding a donkey (Zechariah 9:9, Luke 19:36)
- b. God Wants Us to Worship and Witness
 - i. The disciples worship Jesus as King (Luke 19: 37-38)
 - ii. The Pharisees don't worship Jesus, instead they rebuke Him (Luke 19:39)
 - iii. Stones will witness (Luke 19:40)
- c. God Wants Us to Have Peace
 - i. The people of Jerusalem did not recognize the Messiah (Luke 19: 42, 44)
 - ii. The people of Jerusalem will suffer loss (Luke 19:43,44)
 - iii. No peace on earth only in heaven Luke 19:42)
- d. God Wants Us to Pray
 - i. The temple is for prayer, not for stealing (Luke 19:45,46)
 - ii. Jesus teaches in the temple (Luke 19:47)
 - iii. Chief Priests and Scribes plot Jesus' death (Luke 19:47)

3. Study/Discussion Points:

- a. *Sunday Afternoon* – As soon as possible after listening to the sermon set aside some time to prayerfully ponder these questions:
 - i. What one thing most stood out to you in this sermon?
 - ii. What new truth did you learn or what truth were you reminded of?

- iii. After listening to the sermon, is there a Scripture passage you feel led to meditate on or commit to memory this week?
- iv. What is one specific thing you feel God is leading you to do after hearing this message?
- v. Did God convict you of a need to make any changes in your life and walk with Him?

b. *Monday – God Wants Us to Give Graciously*

- i. What “things” are being referred to in verse 28. What two events take place in verses 1-27?
- ii. Who is Zacchaeus, and what is significant about his encounter with Jesus? How does Zacchaeus demonstrate genuine repentance? What does Jesus' interaction with Zacchaeus reveal about His mission?
- iii. Have you ever stolen anything? Did you confess and make the person or entity whole? What is the act of restitution?
- iv. What is the parable that Jesus shares in verses 11-27? What is the main message conveyed through the parable of the faithful servants? How does the parable relate to the theme of stewardship? What is the significance of Jesus' emphasis on active participation in God's work? (Luke 19:10)
- v. What is significant about the colt Jesus instructs the disciples to find? How does the requirement for the colt to have never been sat on relate to Old

Testament ritual practices? What Old Testament passage is referenced to explain the significance of the unriden donkey?

c. *Tuesday – God Wants Us to Give Graciously*

- i. How did the owners of the donkey and colt demonstrate remarkable generosity?
- ii. According to the sermon, what are followers of Christ encouraged to contribute to?
 - 1. What biblical grounds are mentioned for giving regularly and proportionally to one's local assembly?
 - 2. What is the difference between Old Testament tithing and New Testament giving principles?
- iii. What are the results of "grace giving" according to 2 Corinthians 9:6-8?
- iv. In Luke 21:1-4, what does Jesus observe about the giving of the rich and the poor widow? How does the poor widow's contribution contrast with that of the rich, according to Jesus?

d. *Wednesday – God Wants Us to Worship and Witness*

- i. How did the disciples prepare for Jesus' ride into Jerusalem, according to verses 35 and 36?
- ii. What significance does the act of laying their cloaks on the colt and the ground hold regarding Jesus' entry into Jerusalem?

- iii. What action did the disciples take as Jesus approached Jerusalem, as stated in verse 37? What did the disciples' praise and rejoicing signify about their perception of Jesus?
 - iv. In verse 38, how do the crowds acknowledge Jesus as He enters Jerusalem?
 - v. The passage prompts reflection on our worship and submission to Jesus. How does it encourage self-assessment in terms of worship and obedience? According to John 4:24, what kind of worship does Jesus say the Father seeks?
 - vi. How does Jesus respond to the Pharisees' request to rebuke His disciples in verses 39 and 40?
 - vii. What does Jesus' statement about the stones crying out suggest about the nature of worship and praise?
- e. **Thursday** – God Wants Us to Have Peace
- i. Why did Jesus weep over Jerusalem according to verse 41?
 - 1. What did Jesus wish for the people of Jerusalem, as mentioned in verses 42-44?
 - 2. What consequences did Jesus warn would come upon those who rejected Him and His message?
 - 3. How does the passage emphasize the urgency of accepting Jesus as Savior?
 - ii. What significance is noted about the declaration of peace in heaven but not on earth in verse 38?
 - 1. How does the rejection of Jesus by the nation contribute to the absence of peace on earth in the context of the passage?
 - 2. What is highlighted as the only source of true peace according to the passage?
 - iii. For Christ-followers, what assurance regarding peace is provided in Philippians 4:7?
 - iv. What future event is mentioned regarding the establishment of lasting world peace in the passage?
- f. **Friday** – God Wants Us to Pray
- i. What action did Jesus take upon entering the temple, as described in verses 45-46?
 - 1. According to the passage, why did Jesus drive out those selling in the temple?
 - 2. What caution does the passage offer to churches regarding commercialism?
 - ii. What should be the primary focus of a church, as stated in the passage?

1. According to Romans 12:12, what are believers advised to do regarding prayer?
2. How does Micah 7:7 encourage believers in their prayer life?
3. During the sermon, what recent event at LRBC was mentioned as an example of corporate prayer?

iii. What is highlighted as the primary message of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem?

g. *Saturday* –

i. In conclusion, Jesus' entry into Jerusalem was a momentous event, rich with enduring truths that resonate deeply today. Foremost among these truths is the promise of salvation for all who embrace Jesus and believe in His sacrificial offering on the cross. If you have yet to accept this precious gift of salvation through faith, I urge you to connect with one of the pastors at LRBC, who are ready to guide and support you on this journey. For those of you who have made this decision, how would you rate your relationship with Jesus on a scale from 1-5, with five being the strongest?

4. **Application:** Let's seek God's guidance in giving, worship, and praying. Let us remind ourselves that true peace can only come after our sins have been forgiven and as we trust God's eternal security holding our lives. As we ponder Jesus' triumphant arrival in Jerusalem, let's recall that He is the sole rightful King, ruling with boundless love, grace, and mercy. Let's earnestly seek to honor and follow Jesus as our King in every aspect of our lives, eagerly anticipating his glorious return as the triumphant King above all kings.

5. Prayer Points:

- a. **A**doration – Psalms 8:1 and 29:1-2
- b. **C**onfession – Proverbs 28:13 and 1 John 1:8-10
- c. **T**hanksgiving – Psalms 95:1-2 and 100:4-5
- d. **S**upplications –Matthew 21:22 and John 16:19