

Sermon Document
Luke 19:28-44
Palms Sunday 2023
Rivertree Church Downtown

Luke 19:28–44 ESV

And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, 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. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’ ” So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. 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, saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, 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. 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 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.”

Zechariah 9:9 ESV

**Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey, Romans 8:22 ESV**

Romans 8:22

For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.

Luke 19:40–44 ESV

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Matthew 26:26–30 ESV

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Grow group questions:

- At this point in the gospels why is Jesus going to Jerusalem? What is he going to accomplish?
- The nation of Israel had hopes for Jesus to be a different kind of king than he would be. How can you relate to their desire? How does Jesus often surprise peoples expectations of him?
- Why did Jesus ride in on a donkey into Jerusalem?(see Zechariah 9:9)
- How is Jesus' humility on display in our passage today? Why is his humility important? What does his humility teach you about his nature? How can you allow his humility to shape your life?
- How did the people respond when Jesus Rode into Jerusalem? Why do they experience such joy?
- What are some ways Jesus has brought joy into your life? Has this joy fueled worship in your life? Why or Why not?
- As Jerusalem comes into view Jesus weeps. What does his weeping reveal about his heart? Why is he weeping? What is he longing for?
- How are you experiencing sorrow right now? What are you learning through your sorrow about God? Yourself?
- If joy and sorrow are part of a normal Christian life how can we find encouragement in the last week of Jesus' life in living our own lives?
- How can you rest in the finished work of Christ this week?