

Sermon Questions for Palm Sunday 2023

Luke 19:28-48 – Grace Church – Pastor John Fernandez

1. This passage records the entry into Jerusalem in which Jesus presents Himself as King. Until this time He had resisted any efforts to proclaim Him as King. This Day however He reveals to all that He is the King. However, it is as they expected. He would not come to free Israel from Rome, but to free them from their sin.
2. In 19:29-35, Jesus specifically asks for a colt, a female donkey, to ride on. What does Zechariah 9:9 say about the Messiah's entry? What do you think Jesus is saying by entering Jerusalem in the way he did?
3. In Luke 19:36-40 what are the people shouting about Jesus? What else are they shouting in Mark 11:9-10? NOTE: 'Hosanna' meant "salvation!" What does this tell you about their view of Jesus?
4. In Mark 11:10 what were they anticipating happening?
5. The one who would bring in David's kingdom, that is, the Kingdom of God to earth, would be the Messiah. What does Psalm 2:7-9 tell us about how the king, the anointed one or Messiah, would accomplish this and what should be the response to Him in 2:10-11?
6. In light of Psalm 2, the people were shouting that Jesus was the Messiah! The promised one who would also be God.
7. In Luke 19:39-40, What does Jesus NOT do that was demanded of Him by the Pharisees? What do you think He meant when He said "the stones would cry out"? What is He asserting about the reality of WHO He is?
8. What does Luke 19:41 tell us about the heart of Jesus for those He knew would reject Him? What do the following verses tell us about the heart we should have towards our enemies? Luke 23:34; 1 Timothy 2:1-4
9. In Luke 19:42 Jesus laments that Israel had NOT known known the DAY which could have made for their peace! He is referring to Daniel's prophesy of 70 weeks of years in Daniel 9:24-27. In this prophesy, God reveals there will be 69 weeks of years (483 years) from the issuing of the decree to rebuilt Jerusalem to the coming of the Messiah. It had been exactly 483 years from this decree by the Persian King Artaxerxes (recorded in Nehemiah 2) to rebuild Jerusalem to the day Jesus presented Himself as king. Israel should have known this! What does this prophesy tell us about the faithfulness and accuracy of God's word? How does it affect you knowing this?
10. In Luke 19:45-20:1. Where does Jesus go and what does He do? Where do you think the Jews thought he would go and do? What does this tell us is Jesus present priorities?
11. Jesus Has come at this time to transform hearts through salvation, not transform governments. He WILL transform all the world and remove all governments and establish God's kingdom on earth when He returns. Why do you think it's important to remember this? What has the Lord shown you or reminded you of through studying this passage?