



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of October 15, 2023

Sermon Text Luke 19:28-40

[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." [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."

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Discussion Questions

1. Zechariah 9:9, speaks of the coming Messiah: *"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, on a colt, the foal of a donkey."* Do you think Jesus knew this prophecy? What was He communicating by riding into Jerusalem on a young donkey? How does this explain the crowd's reaction? What were they expecting?
2. Does God *need* our tithes and offerings? Does He *need* us to "present our bodies as a living sacrifice"? (Read Romans 12:1) What does God *need* from you? Is God's *need* for His sake or for ours? Explain.
3. This scene where a carpenter turned itinerant preacher is riding into Jerusalem on a young donkey is often called the "triumphal entry". Explain why Jesus' entry into Jerusalem is a celebration of victory, and why His triumphal entry is such a paradox? (Paradox: "a statement that seems to go against common sense but may still be true")
4. As Jesus passed through the crowd, were their shouts of praise to God "for all the mighty works they had seen" true worship? Why or why not? Why do you think Jesus did not rebuke the crowds for their praise?
5. How does God's creation praise and worship Him? Why should worship be our natural response to God and what does a life of worship look like?