

## SERMON NOTES - Easter 2023 - Jerusalem - [Luke 19:35-47](#)

These notes are designed to be read along with the associated audio / video message

INTRO: This is the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem in the last week of His life on earth. He is now open about being Messiah and He is very intentional.

This is a lesson and image for us of Jesus entering our lives to bring His salvation and Lordship to us. Many in Jerusalem encountered Him but only 120 were eternally affected. How will you respond to your encounter with Jesus?

### **THE ENTRANCE** - *"the stones would cry out."*

HE MUST BE RECEIVED CORRECTLY - WITH PRAISE

Luke 19: 35 Then they brought him to Jesus. And they threw their own clothes on the colt, and they set Jesus on him. 36 And as He went, many spread their clothes on the road. [*and palm branches*] 37 Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works 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 called to Him from the crowd, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples." 40 But He answered and said to them, "I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out."

- The Colt is in contrast to the white horse that Jesus rides when He comes a second time
- A small group of people and a young donkey are often all that is needed to bring Jesus into our lives.
- Praise is necessary for Jesus to be received and to enter -
  - Enter His gates - Ps 100:4
  - He inhabits the praises - Ps 22:3
- The power of praise - Jehoshaphat - 2 Chron 20:21, 22
- The motives/reasons/power of praise -
  - For all He has done
  - Just because of who He is - it is right and natural - even the stones would cry out. Creation shows His glory, and responds to His glory and He can make it praise Him - but humans have a choice.
  - When we suppress praise we suffer - Rom 1:20-25, 28, 32 NKJV - *"20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, 21 because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Professing to be wise, they became fools, 23 and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. 24 Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonour their bodies among themselves, 25 who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. ... 28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; ... 32 who, knowing the righteous judgement of God, that those who practise such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practise them."*
  - Let's be willing participants and give Him the praise He is due

## **JESUS WEEPS** - *"you did not know the time of your visitation."*

WE MUST RECOGNISE AND RECEIVE HIM CORRECTLY AND CONTINUE IN IT

Luke 19:41 Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, 42 saying, "If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. 43 "For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, 44 "and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation."

Mat 23:37 - "37 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!"

- His heart breaks for what might have been
- His plan is the BEST for us
- We must choose His way, we must be willing to go against the crowd "wisdom", and we must CONTINUE in it - it's not just for a short time - A few days later they were rejecting Him.

## **CLEARING THE TEMPLE** - *"My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations?"*

*But you have made it a 'den of thieves.'" Mar 11:17*

WHEN JESUS COMES IN HE CLEARS THIS TEMPLE

Luke 19:45 Then He went into the temple and began to drive out those who bought and sold in it, 46 saying to them, "It is written, 'My house is a house of prayer,'[for all nations Mk 11] but you have made it a 'den of thieves.' " 47 And He was teaching daily in the temple. But the chief priests, the scribes, and the leaders of the people sought to destroy Him"

- The temple grounds, the outer courts for Gentiles and "all people", God's plan for His temple, Jesus as His temple, our bodies as His temple
- Jesus clears His temple - His Church, His people, and our individual lives, His people/body corporately as a local Church.

CONCLUSION - Has Jesus had a "Triumphal Entry" into your life? It is essential, and wonderful. Receive Him today.

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Some other verses used in this message:

Zech 9:9-15, Song of Songs 3:6, Rev 19:11 - Jesus on a colt vs on a horse

Heb 9:23, Rev 12:9, Jn 12:31 - "peace in the Heavens" and cleansing the heavens.

Jn 2:13-19 - Jesus clears the temple and says it will be destroyed and rebuilt in 3 days.

1 Cor 6:19, Eph 2:22 - we are His temple both individually and corporately.

Psa 23:5-6 NKJV - "5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever."

# Small group discussion guidelines

Remember that the aim of the small group is to foster discussion and community, rather than for the leader or one individual to preach to everyone.

**1** - Often an **Icebreaker question** is a great way to start discussion. You could ask a question like:

- What were the highs or lows of your week?
- What is your earliest memory?
- If you had to describe yourself as one animal, what would it be and why?
- What is your favourite type of holiday destination?

**2** - Next, **read the passage**. You can ask various people in the group to help by each reading a portion of the passage.

**3** - These are the **main questions** to ask to understand the passage:

- What is the main message of this talk / passage?  
Allow discussion and even diverging from the main topic if it is helpful.
- What did you find particularly helpful or challenging?
- What did you not fully understand?
- What can we do PRACTICALLY in response to this teaching?

**4** - Close by offering **prayer** for each person.

- Ask, "how can we pray for you / each other now?"
- Ask each person to pray or you, as leader, pray for each person's need

**The blessing** and opportunity in Small Groups is the possibility for...

- Each person to contribute and/or ask questions,
- People to pray for each other and to ask for prayer,
- People to learn to use and grow in their gifts,
- Community, friendship and intimacy in relationships.

God Bless you in this very important ministry.