

BLESSED IS THE KING WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD

--LUKE 19:28-44--

INTRODUCTION:

Jesus had just been to Jericho; Zacchaeus had just trusted in Christ. Now Jesus was walking from Jericho up to Jerusalem and was teaching the people with Him in parables. Jesus knew that this time in Jerusalem He would be arrested, tried, and crucified. Luke writes, *“After He had said these things, He was going on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When He approached Bethphage and Bethany, near the mount that is called Olivet, He sent two of the disciples, saying, ‘Go into the village ahead of you; there, as you enter, you will find a colt tied on which no one yet has ever sat; untie it and bring it here.’ ‘If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say, ‘The Lord has need of it.’”* So those who were sent went away and found it just as He had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, *‘Why are you untying the colt?’ They said, ‘The Lord has need of it.’ They brought it to Jesus, and they threw their coats on the colt and put Jesus on it.”* (Luke 19:28–35, NASB95) Knowing this is His hour, Jesus in a dramatic move declares to the world that He is the promised Messiah announced by the Old Testament prophets.

I. HE CAME TO HIS OWN (Luke 19:35-40)

- a. Sitting upon this _____ that no one had ever ridden before.
- b. This is the first and only time that Jesus allowed His disciples and those traveling with Him from Galilee to publicly demonstrate on his behalf, clearly stating that He was the promised _____.
- c. Jesus permitted this _____ demonstration of His claim to be Messiah and the promised King for two reasons.
- d. First, He permitted it to _____ prophecy, though Luke does not mention that this is a fulfillment of prophecy both Matthew and John do. (Zechariah 9:9; John 12:16)
- e. Second, Jesus permitted this public demonstration on His behalf to _____ the hand of the religious leaders. (Matthew 26:3-5)

- a. As Jesus rode toward Jerusalem the people _____ loudly and threw their cloaks on the road before Him, and waved palm branches pulled from the trees. (Psalm 118:26-27)
- b. Some of the _____ that were in the crowd traveling into Jerusalem, those religious leaders who claimed to be waiting for the Messiah, were not happy with the seemingly uncontrolled enthusiasm of the disciples and the people.
- c. So, as He came in view of the city, with the words of the Pharisees still ringing in His ears He knew that the people would not be ready to _____ Him as their Messiah. (John 1:11a)

II. AND THOSE WHO WERE HIS OWN DID NOT RECEIVE HIM
(Luke 19:41-44)

- a. *“When He approached Jerusalem, He saw the city and _____ over it,”* (Luke 19:41, NASB95) (John 1:11b)
- b. As he wept over the city, He spoke to the city and exclaimed, *“If you had known in this day, even you, the things which make for _____! But now they have been hidden from your eyes.”* (Luke 19:42, NASB95)
- c. If you had known, but now it was too _____. They had turned their hearts against the Lord, and now their judgment was on its way.
- d. Why did this _____ come upon the people of Israel, the inhabitants of Jerusalem? (Luke 19:44; John 1:11)

CONCLUSION:

As we enter into this week in which we remember the final week leading up to Good Friday and then Resurrection Sunday, the greatest celebration of the Christian faith, without the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ our faith would be in vain, we would still be dead in our trespasses and sins. But the crucifixion and the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ are true events. Do not be like those inhabitants of Jerusalem who did not recognize their Messiah. Today is the day that God is visiting us don't be like those of His own who did not receive Him. If you have never trusted in Christ, if you have never repented of your sin, recognizing that you are helpless to save yourself from God's

coming wrath against sin, then believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, believe that He died for you, that He suffered God's wrath for your sin and in His death paid the penalty for your sin, believe that He was buried and on the third day rose from the dead. We looked at John 1:11 this morning, that is the sad side of the story, the other side is found in John 1:12 which says, "*But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name,*" (John 1:12, NASB95) Have you received Him, have you believed in His name? If you have received Him, have you shared Him with someone else?