

Luke 19:28-48
The Triumphal Entry

²⁸ After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, ³⁰ “Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ tell him, ‘The Lord needs it.’ ”

³² Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?”

³⁴ They replied, “The Lord needs it.”

³⁵ They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it.

³⁶ As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

³⁷ When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

³⁸ “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”

⁴⁰ “I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

⁴¹ As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it ⁴² and said, “If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. ⁴³ The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. ⁴⁴ They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God’s coming to you.”

Jesus at the Temple

⁴⁵ Then he entered the temple area and began driving out those who were selling. ⁴⁶ “It is written,” he said to them, “ ‘My house will be a house of prayer’; but you have made it ‘a den of robbers.’ ”

⁴⁷ Every day he was teaching at the temple. But the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the leaders among the people were trying to kill him. ⁴⁸ Yet they could not find any way to do it, because all the people hung on his words.

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1. When have you seen a famous person? What did you do? How do people commonly show admiration for famous people?
2. What instructions did Jesus give his two disciples? (19:30-31) What did the disciples do? What can we learn from them?
3. Why did Jesus choose to ride on a colt or donkey? (Zechariah 9:9) What does this tell us about Jesus' regard for celebrity status?
4. Why did he choose this time of year to enter Jerusalem?
5. How did people react to Jesus' entrance into the city? (19:37-38) What did the people expect that Jesus would do? Did they understand the prophets and the real mission of Jesus?
6. Why were the Pharisees upset? Why did they want Jesus to rebuke his disciples? How did Jesus respond to them?
7. Jesus implies in verse 19:42 that the people of Jerusalem missed a golden opportunity. What was it? What did Jesus say would happen to the city? Did it happen? When? What can we learn from this?
8. What has the Lord done for you recently that causes you to praise him?
9. (Verse 19:48) Where is it written that "My house will be a house of prayer?" (Isaiah 56:7)
10. Is this the first time Jesus cleared the temple? (John 2:13-17)
11. What was the real purpose of the temple? Is a church today like a temple in Jesus' day? How could a church be made a "den of robbers?" How do we misuse a church for our own purposes? How can we guard against that?
12. What can we learn about God from this passage?
13. Blasphemy was the reason the Pharisees and leaders of the people finally used to convict Jesus before Pilate. But the real question is, why were they so afraid of him in the first place? Why were they so anxious to kill him?