

Are We Honoring Jesus as Lord – Part 12: Luke 19:28-40 ESV

WHY Do You Trust in Jesus?

For *Earthly Needs!* For *Eternal Life!*

Services: Sunday, March 20, 2016 at 8:00 or 10:45

Church Year: Palm Sunday

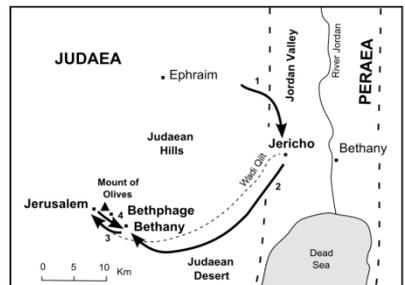
Easter: Service 7 AM; Breakfast 8:30; Classes 9:30; Service 10:45

Introduction: Dear friends: Today is Palm Sunday, *the beginning of Holy Week* – the week that God took action through Jesus to remove our sins in order to make us holy in His sight! Jesus did His work for everyone, *but only a small percentage of people have received the benefits; have you?*

Today, *as we turn to some of the details of Palm Sunday, don't lose sight of the big picture:* ♦God created, ♦people sinned, ♦Jesus was promised, ♦Jesus came, ♦Jesus took away the sin of the world, and ♦Jesus will come again! Those who trust in self and live for self will be forever cursed, while those who trust in Him and live for Him will be forever blessed!

- The Setting:** ²⁸ **And when [Jesus] had said these things** [*including His words about Zacchaeus and a parable about the importance of using our God-given blessings (19:9-27)*], **he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.**

- Where was Jesus?** In the city of Jericho, ♦possibly the oldest inhabited city in the world and ♦the home of Zacchaeus.



- Why did Jesus go up to Jerusalem?** *Because it was quite a climb!* The “going up” reference ties in with the

change in elevation of 3,300 feet (*Jericho being 800 feet below sea level, while Jerusalem is 2,500 feet above sea level*). The 15 mile journey from Jericho to Jerusalem was *difficult and dangerous* in Jesus' day, yet Jesus went in obedience to His Father – ***all the way to the cross!***

2. **Making Plans for His Royal Entrance:**

- a. **Hearing the plan:** ²⁹ **When [Jesus] drew near to Bethphage and Bethany [two villages located on the road from Jericho to Jerusalem], 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.’” // Jesus made four simple requests.** Then, since Jesus' disciples honored Him as Lord, *they did what He said!* What about us; if we trust in Jesus as our Savior, *then we will honor Him as our Lord!*
- b. **Following through:** ³² **So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them [Jesus knew the exact situation, ***because He is God***]. 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 [their outer garments] on the colt, they set Jesus on it. // So why a **donkey** rather than a horse?**
 - i. **Horses symbolized war** while donkeys symbolized peace, so a donkey was *the perfect ride* for the **Prince of Peace** (*Isaiah 9:6*)!**

- ii. Jesus is the antitype of Isaac: In other words: When Abraham traveled to **Mount Moriah** to **do the will of God** by **sacrificing** Isaac, *they traveled by donkey* (Gen. 22:1-14). So when Jesus traveled to the **same mountain** to **do the will of God** by being sacrificed for our sins, *He traveled by donkey!*
- iii. Jesus had to fulfill this prophecy: “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...**” (Zech. 9:9 ESV). **Jesus fulfilled over 300 OT prophecies, so we know**
 ➔ the Bible is God’s Word and ➔ Jesus is the Savior!
3. **A Proper Welcome for the Promised King**: 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 [those with Him **and** those who came from Jerusalem to meet Him] **began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen** [including ✦ countless people being healed, ✦ many demons being cast out, and ✦ people being raised from the dead], ³⁸ [the whole multitude was] **saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”****
- a. Why did they spread their cloaks on the road? **The people were honoring Jesus as the promised son of David!** The LORD said to David, “...I will raise up your offspring after you... and I will establish his kingdom” (2 Sam. 7:12, 14 ESV). Then Isaiah wrote, “Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish

it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore” (Isaiah 9:7 ESV).

So, based on Jesus’ words, miracles, and fulfillment of prophecy, the people welcomed Jesus as **the promised and greatest son of David!**

- b. What were the people expecting from Jesus? **The faithful remnant** rejoiced in Him as their Savior from sin, **but most people** expected Him to lead the Jews to victory over the Romans; so, later on, *during that same holy week*, many were very disappointed with Jesus!
 - c. What do **we** expect from Jesus? A better job, a better president, world peace? Those who *know Jesus as Savior and Lord* can pray through Him for all those things! **But let us not miss the main point of Jesus:** He is the Lamb of God *who took away the sin of the world!*
4. **The Immeasurable Significance of Jesus:** ³⁹ **And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to [Jesus], “Teacher, rebuke [thus, sharply scold] your disciples.”** ⁴⁰ **He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”** // **Do you get it?** God the Father worked through His Son to create all things. In fact, “...in him all things hold together” (Col. 1:17 ESV). Furthermore, He came, lived, died, and rose – *for you and me!* So **the Creator had finally arrived to redeem His creation!** Therefore, He is worthy of our ➡ trust, ➡ praise, and ➡ obedience!

Conclusion: Let us pray: Dear Jesus, we are grateful to know *who You are* and *what You have done!* **Thank You!** Dear Holy Spirit, enable us to believe and benefit now and forever!