

SERMON-BASED STUDY: PALM SUNDAY

Luke 19:28-40, ESV – 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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QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

ENGAGE WITH THE MESSAGE

- 1 This week we were reminded that Jesus is king of all creation. What does this mean for all the people of the world?
- 2 We were also reminded that, as king, Jesus has authority over our lives. Why do people struggle with this truth? How is this truth actually freeing to a person and not a hinderance?
- 3 In verse 40, Jesus says, “The very stones would cry out.” In other words, creation and the world will acknowledge who Jesus is, even if we are silent. Nonetheless, why is it important for believers to proclaim who Jesus is?

DIGGING DEEPER

- A** **Zechariah 9:9-10, ESV** – ⁹ 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.
- ¹⁰ I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall speak peace to the nations;
his rule shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
- 4 How do the events in Luke 19:28-40 fulfill the prophecy in Zechariah 9:9? What is significant about Jesus riding a donkey instead of a warhorse, which is more typical for a conquering king?
 - 5 Looking at the passage above, how might the Jewish people have been confused as to Jesus' intentions?

6 How do people today have incorrect expectations of Jesus and what He will do for them?

B **John 18:33-37, ESV** – ³³ So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” ³⁴ Jesus answered, “Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?” ³⁵ Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?” ³⁶ Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.” ³⁷ Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.”

Colossians 1:13, 21-23, ESV – ¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

²¹ And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³ if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

7 Looking at John 18:33-37, what does Jesus mean by “my kingdom is not of this world.”?

8 Jesus concludes in verse 37 that “everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.” What does it mean to be “of the truth”? What does it mean to “listen” to His voice?

9 Looking at Colossians 1:13, 21-23, we see that followers of Christ have been transferred into His kingdom. As our king, what commitments does Jesus expect from us?

TAKING IT HOME

King Jesus has authority over all of creation, including people. How have you been obedient to King Jesus’ commands on your life? In what areas do you need to be more obedient to Him? Share with your group or accountability partner what God has been showing you. Pray for one another as you seek to be obedient people of the King of Kings.

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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FOR FURTHER STUDY

Numbers 19:2

1 Samuel 6:7

2 Kings 9:13

1 Chronicles 29:11

Psalms 118:26

Habakkuk 2:11

Matthew 28:18

1 Corinthians 6:9-10

Romans 12:1-21

Ephesians 2:19-20

1 Timothy 6:15