

Sermon Notes

Week of Sunday, March 29

Palm Sunday - Rise Up Homestretch

Luke 19: 28-40 (ESV)

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A. Most things in life have a beginning, a middle, and an end.

B. It's usually easier to start something than to finish it.

C. It's usually easier to just finish rather than finish well.

D. How:

28 And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

1. Let Jesus show you the plan.

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.'"

2. Have faith and courage as you execute His plan.

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.

3. Rejoice in Jesus in the midst of His plan.

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!"

4. Refuse to give up on His plan.

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."

Life Group Study Notes

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Based on Sermon: Homestretch Sunday

Spend some time answering these questions before going to your Life Group.



Getting Started

1. Describe a time when you have been in a setting where God was being praised loudly. What did that feel like to you?

2. How do you typically display your worship to God? Are you normally quiet or louder?

3. Read Luke 19:28-40. Normally, Jesus walked everywhere He went. Why do you think He asked His disciples to get Him a colt this time? How do you think the disciples might have reacted to this rather strange request?

4. Read Genesis 49:8-12, Zechariah 9:9-10, and Revelation 19:11-16. How are these pieces connected? How does prophecy weave the story of Christ throughout Scripture? What does this mean for you?

5. Read 1 Kings 9:12-13. What kind of king were the Israelites looking for? How do their actions in 1 Kings 9 and Luke 19 portray their expectations?

6. How does Christ's designation as King of kings and Lord of lords affect your life? How should those designations affect your life? Explain your answer.

7. Read Matthew 10:34, Luke 2:14, John 14:27, John 16:33, and Romans 5:11. Jesus did not come to bring peace on earth, but instead, to make a way for us to have peace with God. What does that look like to you? Are you at peace with God? Why do you answer the way you do?

Digging Deeper

Read Psalm 2, Psalm 22, Psalm 110, and Psalm 118. As you prepare your heart for the Holy Week leading up to Easter Sunday, meditate on these messianic Psalms. Journal your thoughts as you pray.