

MEMBER'S GUIDE – June 11, 2017

Luke 19:28-40

The Triumphal Entry



MAIN POINT

We must be certain we are worshiping Jesus for who He really is, not who we want Him to be.

INTRODUCTION

What experiences, images, and ideas come to mind when you think of the word worship?

What is the difference between personal and corporate worship? Why are both of these important in expressing our need for God and desire to be with Him?

What motivates you to worship in a personal manner? What motivates you to come to corporate worship on Sundays?

UNDERSTANDING

Read Luke 19:28-34

Do you think these unnamed disciples considered Jesus' instructions odd? Why or why not?

Do you think these disciples doubted anything that Jesus told them to expect?

What might the fact that the colt had not yet been ridden imply about how the colt would be used? Read Zechariah 9:9 to help explore this question.

Read Luke 19:35-40 and Matthew 21:6-9

Why do you think Jesus chose a donkey for His triumphal entry to Jerusalem? Does that seem appropriate for someone perceived as a king by His people?

Why do you think the people spread palm branches on the road?

What does the phrase “Hosanna” mean? What did it communicate about the crowd’s expectations of Jesus?

What were the people expecting Jesus to do when He reached Jerusalem (Luke 19:11 and Zech. 9:9)?

How were the people’s expectations of the Messiah different from Jesus’ true intentions?

When have your expectations about God been different from the way He has revealed Himself to you?

Read verses 37-38 again. What did the people testify about Jesus in their praises? Why would this have upset the Pharisees (v. 39)?

What does Jesus’ reply to the Pharisees reveal about Him?

What might the stones cry out?

If you had been a Jew living in Jerusalem at the time of Jesus, what would have made you reject and oppose Jesus?

Application

What expectations do we place on Christ today? Do we think of Him as a power that will serve our desires or do we see Him as the Lord who is worthy of our worship?

What does praise look like in your day-to-day life? In what ways might you reject Jesus, even unintentionally?

How is Jesus received by our community today? Is the view we hold equal to Jesus as presented in Scripture?

Pray

Close your time in prayer. Praise God for sending Christ to be the king we needed, not the king we wanted. Ask God to help your group worship Him with their whole lives.