

➤ **Read Luke 19:28–48.**

This week's passage follows the parable Jesus told because the people "supposed that the kingdom of God was to appear immediately" (Lk. 19:11). You may want to review the parable in Luke 19:11–26.

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1. On Jesus' journey up to Jerusalem, he stops a few miles from the city near the suburban towns that overlook it. What is the name of this hill he stops on? (v. 29)
2. Arriving at the hill, Jesus sends two of his disciples on a mission. What specifically does Jesus say they are to find? (v. 30)
3. Why does Jesus stop and wait for these disciples to return before entering Jerusalem? (Zech. 9:9; Jn. 12:14–16; \* 1 Kgs. 1:32–35, 43–48)
4. What question has Jesus already anticipated that they will need to be prepared for? (vv. 31, 33)

Has there been a time when you became aware that God had anticipated your needs and provided for them before you knew what they were?

5. The disciples spread their cloaks on the colt for Jesus to sit on, and the people along the way spread their cloaks on the road before him. In doing this, what are the disciples and the people saying about Jesus? (v. 38a; 2 Kgs. 9:12–13)

6. The large crowd of disciples, travelling to Jerusalem in preparation for Passover, loudly erupts in joyful praise. What words do they exclaim that go along with the actions above? (v. 38)

The crowd's first refrain comes from "the Hallel, a prayer of thanksgiving, consisting of Psalms 113—118, recited during Passover."

7. Understanding the significance of what is happening, the Pharisees are upset either out of fear of how the Romans will react to the crowd hailing Jesus as king, or out of indignation at what they consider blasphemy, not recognizing Jesus as Messiah.
- The Pharisees are unable to control the crowd themselves. What do they demand of Jesus? (v. 39)
  - What is Jesus communicating with his response? (v. 40)
8. In the midst of the Pharisees' indignation and the disciples' joy, Jesus has an unexpected reaction. How would you describe Jesus' emotions when he sees Jerusalem? (vv. 41–44)
9. What would have brought the people of Jerusalem peace (v. 42), had they but known it? (Consider Jesus' earlier lament in Luke 13:34–35.)

Instead of peace, what consequences does he foresee coming to this generation in Jerusalem? (vv. 43–44)

Why? (v. 44b)

Concerning the refusal of the people of Jerusalem to believe in Jesus, commentator Leon Morris writes, “These men had the revelation God had made known in the scriptures of the Old Testament. They had the continuing evidence that God was active in the life and ministry of Jesus. They could see in Him that God had not forgotten His people. There was every reason for them to have welcomed Jesus as His disciples did. But they refused to accept all this evidence. They rejected God’s Messiah. They would now have to live with the consequences of their rejection. It is this that brought forth Jesus’ tears.”<sup>2</sup>

“In A.D. 70, the Romans would come and, after a siege of 143 days, kill 600,000 Jews, take thousands more captive, and then destroy the temple and the city.”<sup>3</sup>

► **Read Luke 19:45–48.**

10. Sometime after Jesus’ “triumphal entry,” where do we find Jesus? (v. 45)
11. In what might be Luke’s biggest undersell, he uses only two sentences to describe what must have been a startling and dramatic event.  
What happens? (v. 45)

Mark provides more details. How does he describe the scene? (Mk. 11:15–16)

12. The court of the Gentiles was filled with crass commercialism, and the priests of the day were requiring that pilgrims buy from these vendors.  
What was that space intended for – as Jesus reminds everyone? (v. 46; Is. 56:6–8; Jer. 7:9–11)

Why do you think his reaction was so extreme?

13. Jesus returned to the temple every day to teach. How is the leaders’ reaction to Jesus different from the people’s reaction? (vv. 47–48)

14. Try to take in the sorrow and compassion Jesus shows for the city of God, the place of the temple, and for the nation called to be God's people. These very people who are praising him will, in just a few days, demand that he be crucified.

Even as believers, our worship of Jesus may be fickle, changing with our moods and circumstances. But Jesus is unchanging and always worthy of praise. Look at these passages in Revelation to inspire you to worship Jesus as he deserves.

Rev. 1:10–18

Rev. 5:6–14

Rev. 19:11–16

\*📖 For further study

<sup>1</sup> Philip W. Comfort, Gen. Ed. *Cornerstone Biblical Commentary*. Vol. 12 (The Gospel of Luke; Acts) (Carol Stream: Tyndale, 2006), 260.

<sup>2</sup> Leon Morris. *The Gospel According to St. Luke: Tyndale New Testament Commentaries* (London: Inter-Varsity Press, 1980), 281.

<sup>3</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe. *An Exposition on the New Testament Comprising the Entire "BE" Series: The Bible Exposition Commentary* (Wheaton: SP Publications, Inc., 1989), 255.