



Week of April 14, 2019

Luke 19:28-40

²⁸ After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples,

³⁰ saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here.

³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'"

³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them.

³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

³⁴ They said, "The Lord needs it."

³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it.

³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road.

³⁷ As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power 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 heaven!"

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop."

⁴⁰ He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

Notes:

1. The Luke version of the Palm Sunday narrative has no palms.
2. The acclamation of verse 38 is actually from Psalm 118, a Psalm traditionally recited by pilgrims on the road to Jerusalem.



Group Leader

Remember: you don't need to use all of the questions. Go with what works. Give people a chance to think before answering, but if a question falls flat, move on. Let the discussion go where it needs to go, as long as it remains centered around the lesson. Give the participants page 1. Use this page for yourself.

Gathering questions:

- A. Talk about a time when you had high expectations for an upcoming event or situation. What happened?
- B. Are you an optimist, a pessimist, a realist, a dreamer?

Bible Study Questions:

1. Imagine the scene. How many people do you think are present? How many disciples? Spectators? Pharisees?
2. The episode with the donkey has many interpretations. Some believe the donkey was being effectively stolen; others believe this was pre-arranged. Others believe the donkey's availability was a demonstration of Jesus' foreknowledge. What do you think about the taking of the donkey?
3. Why do you think the Pharisees wanted Jesus' disciples to stop shouting?
4. Verse 37 describes the people as praising God for the "deeds of power" they had seen. What are the "deeds of power" of God that you have seen in your life?
5. To what extent is your image of God shaped by your expectations of God?
6. Do you believe that Jesus will return? What do you think that will be like? How will you recognize him?
7. What truths have been hard for you to accept? When have you tried to avoid reality – and is any such situation confronting you now?

Closing prayer: particularly invite prayers about areas of life where people might need to confront the truth of a situation.