

The Prophecy Fulfilled

Open with Prayer Requests

Read Matthew 26:6–16

- Mary pours expensive perfume on Jesus. Why do the disciples react negatively?
- Jesus defends Mary and calls what she did “a beautiful thing.” What does her act reveal about her understanding of Jesus?
- Jesus says Mary was preparing Him for burial. What does this moment reveal about Jesus’ awareness of what was about to happen in Jerusalem?
- Judas agrees to betray Jesus. What might have influenced Judas’ decision?
- Sometimes people give reasons for their actions that aren’t the full truth. Why do you think that happens?
- How can disappointment, pride, or misplaced expectations slowly lead someone away from faithfulness?

Read Luke 19:28–40

- As Jesus enters Jerusalem, the crowd praises Him as king and quotes from Psalm 118. What does this reveal about their expectations for Jesus?
- This event fulfills the prophecy from Zechariah 9:9 about the Messiah entering on a donkey. Why is it significant that Jesus fulfilled prophecy in such a visible way?
- The Pharisees ask Jesus to rebuke the crowd. Why might they have been alarmed by what was happening?

Read Luke 19:41–44

- Instead of celebrating His arrival as king, Jesus weeps over Jerusalem. Why do you think He responds this way?
- What does this moment reveal about the heart of Jesus toward people who reject Him?
- Jesus predicts the destruction of Jerusalem because the people did not recognize God’s coming. What warning or lesson might this hold for people today?
- The sermon emphasized that Jesus experiences deep heartbreak for people who are spiritually lost. How should this shape the way Christians think about friends and family who don’t yet know Christ?
- Why do Christians sometimes avoid thinking deeply about the spiritual condition of their “lost” loved ones?
- The sermon identified several practical things believers can do:
 - Write down the names of the lost people in our lives.
 - Pray for them.
 - Serve them in love.
 - Share our faith with them.
 - Invite them to encounter the Gospel.
- Which of these steps feels easiest for you? Which one feels most challenging?
- How can our group encourage and support one another in reaching the lost people God has placed in our lives?

Closing Prayer