

Lent Study Guide

Week Six: March 28 Luke chapters 18-21 Week Five: Luke 14-17

COVENANT LIFE



Questions for Reflection & Discussion

Luke 19:28-44

1. What is a favorite memory for you of Palm Sunday? What questions did you have? Was there anything that bothered you?
On Sunday, we followed Jesus' footsteps the last week he was alive on earth. Take a moment to retrace these steps again. Once finished, spend some time thanking him for what he did in his last week while here on earth.
2. In our passage for today, Jesus sends two of his disciples ahead of him to get a foal of a donkey. What might they have talked about to each other on the way to the foal? Would you trust Jesus if he asked you to do something that made no sense?
3. Think about the owner of that foal, what might he have given up by giving up this new foal? Do you think the owner knew what Genesis 49:11 said? Could it be that he anticipated a coming messiah that would need a foal of a donkey?
4.The owner gives up his foal because it was needed. What might Jesus be asking you to give up today? What steps are you willing to take to give up that thing?
5. Why does Jesus need a Foal of a Donkey? Read Zechariah 9:9. What do you notice in that passage in the Old Testament?

6.Jesus rides an unridden foal of a donkey. What might be the implications of this?
7. We see the crowds responding when Jesus rides into Jerusalem. What might it have felt like to be there that day? It's said that the crowd was reciting Psalm 118:25. Take a look at that verse again making mention of what grabs your attention. Also what Hebrew word is used for 'save us' in that Psalm?
8. We learn they also wave Palm Branches? Why? Take a look at Leviticus 23:40 for context. Also look ahead to Revelation 7:9-12 for more implications of using palm branches.
9. Jesus, upon entering Jerusalem weeps. Why? Was he the first to weep on the Mount of Olives? Look up 2 Samuel 15:30 for the answer. Are there things in your life that make Jesus weep?
10. Jesus ultimately weeps due to the lack of true and lasting peace in the lives of those around him. Do you personally know the way of peace in Jesus Christ today? Is there someone you could pray for today that does not know this peace?

Lent Prayer

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Almighty God
  Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
    We celebrate with joy the triumph of Jesus Christ, the Son, over sin and death!
But we need help understanding that
   Christ's victory does not look like victories that the world celebrates.
 There is no crown without the cross.
   Christ's victory comes through the way of humility.
   Christ's glory begins in his obedience,
     all the way to death
     even death on a cross.
   It's all too much for us to understand.
Guide our hearts to celebrate the humble,
  find value in the lowly
   and even celebrate our sufferings when they come for your glory.
Allow us the vision, courage, and creativity to lay down our lives for the good of our
neighbor,
  just as Jesus laid down his own life as a ransom for many,
   so that we might be unified with Jesus in his death
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In the name of the glorious, victorious Jesus we pray these things. Amen.

Sacred Rhythm

Worship

You are invited to spend time in worship as we celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. To worship is to thank, praise, revere, listen and obey God. We have provided two ways to do that: through song(link provided) and through scripture.

- Hosanna
- Psalm 95

Resources

- Family Ministries resource
- Luke Reading Plan
- <u>IVP New Testament Commentary on Luke</u>

and so, unified with him in his resurrection.