***Lenten Awakening***

**Lenten Worship Series – Palm Sunday**

***Jesus Gifting Peace***

**March 24, 2024**

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| **WORSHIP SERVICE OUTLINE**S  Each worship outline contains all elements needed for your worship service. The order of each service presented is only a *suggestion*. No doubt changes will be needed to accommodate the flow and worship style of your corps. The outlines are flexible and allow opportunities to “cut and paste” as needed. If you are blessed with instrumental or vocal music resources, you may find there is more structured material here than needed. Sermon manuscripts are included as a *sample* and not to be preached verbatim. |

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| ***Jesus Gifting Peace***  **Cry out with joy, O daughter of Zion!**  **Shout *jubilantly,* O daughter of Jerusalem! Look—your King is coming; He is righteous and able to save. He comes seated humbly on a donkey, on a colt, a foal of a donkey.**  ***Zechariah 9:9-10* (VOICE)** |

**[The Gathering]**

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| **Drama – AJ’s Horse Rental** |

**[The Gathering] [The Word]**

**Call to Worship:**

***9*** *Cry out with joy, O daughter of Zion!  
        Shout jubilantly, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
    Look—your King is coming;  
        He is righteous and able to save.  
    He comes seated humbly on a donkey,  
        on a colt, a foal of a donkey.****10****I will dismantle Ephraim’s chariots,  
        retire the warhorses from Jerusalem,  
        send home the archers to their families in peace.  
    He will make peace with the nations;  
        His sovereignty will extend from coast to coast,  
        from the Euphrates River to the limits of the earth.*

Like many earlier prophets, Zechariah tells of a day when an ideal King will enter Jerusalem to the uproarious shouts and jubilant celebration of the people. Unlike other kings, this King enters humbly riding on a donkey, a beast of burden, not on a warhorse. He comes to establish real justice. God has given Him the victory, and now He shares that victory with the people. In that day, as His reign reaches the ends of the earth, war and the instruments of war are laid aside in the greater interests of an abiding, universal peace.

(Zechariah 9:9-10, *VOICE)*

**[The Response]**

***\**** *Have children enter sanctuary waving palm branches.*

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| **Song – Hosanna, Loud Hosanna**  *(Words by Jennette Threlfall. Not in S.A. Song Book)* | TB-127 – Ellacombe | HTD1-T9 (3 vs. – band ending) |
| 1) “Hosanna, loud Hosanna!” The little children sang;  Through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.  To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to His breast,  The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best. | | |
| 2) From Olivet they followed ‘mid an exultant crowd,  The victory palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud.  The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,  Nor scorned that little children should on His bidding wait. | | |
| 3) “Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing,  For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heav’n, our King.  O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice,  And in His blissful presence eternally rejoice. | | |
| **Additional Optional Songs** | | |
| **HC#97/SS#29 – Blessed Be the Name of the Lord** | HC-97 | HCD8-T17 |
| **SB#73/HC#141/SS#28 – All hail the power** | TB-306 – Coronation  HC-141  SS-28 | HTD5-T5 (4 vs.)  HCD13-T11 |
| **HC#158 – Blessed Be Your Name** | HC-158 | HCD14-T18 |
| **HC#188 – Save Now** | HC-188 | HCD17-T18 |
| **SB#391/HC#171 – Stand up and bless the Lord** | TB-149 – Falcon Street  HC-171 | HTD3-T12 (3 vs.)  HCD16-T11 |
| **HC#195 – Hear Our Praises** | HC-195 | HCD18-T15 |
| **HC#225 – Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)** | HC-225 | HCD21-T15 |
| **SB#56/HC#251 – Praise to the Lord, the Almighty** | TB-735 – Lobe den Herren  HC-251 | HTD4-T11 (4 vs.)  HCD24-T11 |
| **SB#225 – Jesus comes! Let all adore Him!** | TB-392 – Ottawa | HTD9-T14 (4 vs.) |

**Invocation**

Dear humble Christ of the human road, you startle us with your meekness. You overwhelm us with your tears. You empower us with your love. Over the next few days, as we walk with you toward the cross, open our hearts to this way, this truth, and this life being lived before our very eyes. Give us the grace to be more like you. We ask this in your name. Amen.

(*Lenten Awakening*, pp. 174)

**[The Word]**

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| **Children’s Moment – Jesus Gifting Peace** |

***Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King***

**[The Word]**

**Responsive Reading** (or Scripture Reading – Luke 19:28-44)**:**

**Leader: 28**After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. **29**As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them,

**All:** **30**“Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. **31**If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it.’”

**Leader:** **32**Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. **33**As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?”

**All:** **34**They replied, “The Lord needs it.”

**Leader:** **35**They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. **36**As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.**37**When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

**All:** **38**“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

**Leader:** **39**Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”

**All:** **40**“I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

**Leader:** **41**As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it **42**and said, “If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes.

**All:** **43**The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. **44**They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God’s coming to you.”

(Luke 19:28-44, NIV)

**Leader:**

Jerusalem does not want a messiah of love; it wants a messiah of power. It wants a messiah that leaps from pinnacles of temples, rends the clouds of heaven, summons a vast army of angels and archangels, expels the Romans from power. Jesus offers none of that.

(*Lenten Awakening*, pp. 173-174)

**[The Response]**

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| **SB#205 – We worship Thee, O crucified!** | TB-442 – Melita | HTD9-T11 (4 vs.) |
| **Additional Optional Songs** | | |
| **SB#353/HC#49/SS#67 – Be still, for the presence of the Lord** | TB-566 – same  HC-49  SS-67 | No HT CD  HCD3-T19 |
| **HC#136 – We All Bow Down** | HC-136 | HCD12-T16 |
| **HC#156 – Enter In** | HC-156 | HCD14-T16 |
| **SB#243/HC#164 – Before the throne of God above** | TB-52 – same  HC-164 | No HT CD  HCD15-T14 |
| **HC#166 – We Fall Down** | HC-166 | HCD15-T16 |
| **SB#376/HC#219 – King of kings, majesty** | TB-722 – same  HC-219 | No HT CD  HCD20-T19 |
| **SB#209 – When Jesus looked o’er Galilee** | TB-70 – Fewster | HTD3-T13 (4 vs.) |
| **SB#482/HC#8 – We’re all seeking the same Savior** | TB-919 – same  HC-8 | No HT CD  HCD1A-T18 |
| **SB#499 – It is Jesus I need** | TB-703 – It is Jesus | No HT CD |
| **SB#527 – When I’m tired and nothing’s going right for me** | TB-820 – Share My yoke | No HT CD |

**[The Response]**

**Congregational Prayers for Peace**

**[The Response]**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**[The Response]**

**Offering**

**[The Response]**

**Testimony of Faith –** [*Choose someone from the congregation who can testify on this theme*.]

**[The Word]**

**Message – Jesus Gifting Peace**

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| **Additional Optional Songs** | | |
| **SB#353/HC#49/SS#67 – Be still, for the presence of the Lord** | TB-566 – same  HC-49  SS-67 | No HT CD  HCD3-T19 |
| **SB#32/HC#127 – How deep the Father’s love for us** | TB-663 – same  HC-27 | No HT CD  HCD11-T17 |
| **HC#136 – We All Bow Down** | HC-136 | HCD12-T16 |
| **HC#156 – Enter In** | HC-156 | HCD14-T16 |
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**Benediction:**

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

([Hebrews 13:20-21](http://www.christianity.com/bible/search/?ver=niv&q=hebrews+13%3a20-21), NIV)

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| **HC#309 – Go in Peace, Go in Love** | HC-309 | HCD29-T19 |
| **Additional Optional Songs** | | |
| **SB#56/HC#251 – Praise to the Lord, the Almighty** | TB-735 – Lobe den Herren  HC-251 | HTD4-T11 (4 vs.)  HCD24-T11 |
| **SB#89/HC#161/SS#48 – O for a thousand tongues to sing (My Great Redeemer’s Praise)** | TB-57 – Azmon  TB-75 – Grimsby  HC-161  SS-48 | HTD3-T4 (4 vs.)  No HT CD  HCD15-T11 |
| **SB#358/HC#241/SS#30 – Crown him with many crowns** | TB-162 – Diademata  HC-241  SS-30 | HTD1-T8 (4 vs.)  HCD23-T11 |
| **SB#1031/HC#283 – Lord, if Your presence** | TB-740 – same  HC-283 | No HT CD  HCD27-T13 |

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**Announcements**

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| **Lent 2024 Palm Sunday** | |
| **DRAMA**  **AJ’s Horse Rental**  **By Martyn Scott Thomas**  © Copyright 2023 by Martyn Scott Thomas. All rights reserved. Used by permission. | |
| **Topic:** | The Triumphal Entry |
| **Scripture:** | Zechariah 9:9-10 |
| **Synopsis:** | A man preparing for the arrival of a king is surprised at his choice of animal. |
| **Characters:** | AJ – Owner of a horse rental company  DJ – his son/daughter |
| **Props/Costumes:** | A desk, a chair, and a phone for AJ and a tablet or phone for DJ. Modern casual dress. Cowboy hats optional. |
| **Setting:** | AJ’s office. |
| **Running time:** | 4 minutes |

[*AJ is seated at a desk talking on the phone.*]

**AJ:** [*talking to a customer on phone*] Are you planning on riding her or hitching her to your plow? [*pause while listening*] It makes a big difference. We want to make sure we get you the right animal for the right job. Here at AJ’s Horse Rental, we guarantee your satisfaction with every horse you rent. [*pause while listening*] I see. It looks like you’ll be needing Buttercup; she’s our best plow horse. Don’t let the name fool you, she’s a real work horse – pun intended. [*pause while listening*] I’ll have Mabel bring her by first thing Monday morning. And thank you for renting from AJ’s, the first name in horse rentals. [*hangs up phone, calls out*] DJ?

**DJ:** [*enters*] Yes, Dad.

**AJ:** Have Mabel get Buttercup ready. We’re sending her to Isaac’s Farm Monday morning.

**DJ:** [*enters on tablet*] Buttercup. Check.

**AJ:** And make sure we send the right harness this time. Last time, it almost snapped right off her.

**DJ:** [*enters on tablet*] Harness. Check. Anything else?

**AJ:** No, I think that’s all for now. Are you good?

**DJ:** Yeah, everything’s fine. But I did hear from Nathaniel yesterday.

**AJ:** Nathaniel? Isn’t he working for the city of Jerusalem these days?

**DJ:** Yes, he is. And he told me something very interesting.

**AJ:** Would you care to share?

**DJ:** He’s coming to town.

**AJ:** Nathaniel? But I thought he was already here.

**DJ:** Not Nathaniel. Jesus.

**AJ:** Jesus?

**DJ:** Yes, Jesus. And rumor has it he’s ready to claim his kingship.

**AJ:** Wait! What?

**DJ:** [*excited*] Jesus is coming to Jerusalem to make his claim as the King of the Jews.

**AJ:** But I thought he shied away from that Messiah talk.

**DJ:** His actions would say otherwise. His following keeps getting larger and larger. I heard that last week he fed 5,000 people. And the other day, he raised a man from the dead in Bethany. He can’t deny it any longer. Half of the city is ready to make him king if doesn’t do it himself.

**AJ:** Do you know what that means?

**DJ:** Yes, it’s the end of the Romans. We’ll finally be a free people again.

**AJ:** Well of course, that, but do you know what this means for us?

**DJ:** [*puzzled*] No more taxes?

**AJ:** It means that he’s going to need a horse to ride in on. A special horse. [*excited and emphasizing*] A war horse.

**DJ:** [*repeating*] A war horse.

**AJ:** And where do you suppose he can get one on short notice?

**DJ:** [*gleefully*] AJ’s Horse Rental!

**AJ:** That’s right, AJ’s Horse Rental. This calls for Thunder.

**DJ:** [*looking out the window*] But I don’t even see any clouds in the sky.

**AJ:** [*correcting him*] Thunder, our champion stallion.

**DJ:** Oh, that Thunder. Good call.

**AJ:** And make sure we get the armor on him. We need him to look like he’s ready for battle.

**DJ:** That should strike fear into the Romans. But shouldn’t we wait until we hear from Jesus?

**AJ:** No, we need to be ready to go. This is our top priority.

**DJ:** Got it. This is so exciting.

**AJ:** I can’t wait to see Jesus riding into Jerusalem on our majestic horse.

**DJ:** I can’t either. [*pulls out his phone*] Hang on, this is Nathaniel. [*pause while listening*] Hey, Nathaniel. What’s the good news? [*pause while listening, puzzled*] He what? When?

**AJ:** What’s going on?

**DJ:** [*holds up finger to AJ to signal wait*] Are you sure? That isn’t what you told me yesterday. [*pause while listening*] Okay, yeah, I’ll tell dad. Thanks. [*hangs up*]

**AJ:** Tell dad what?

**DJ:** There’s been a new development.

**AJ:** And?

**DJ:** It seems that Jesus came into town today.

**AJ:** Today? But how did he get a horse so quickly?

**DJ:** He didn’t.

**AJ:** [*surprised*] He walked into town?

**DJ:** Not exactly.

**AJ:** I don’t understand.

**DJ:** He rode in on a donkey.

**AJ:** A donkey?

**DJ:** A borrowed donkey.

**AJ:** Well, that’s not going to strike fear into anybody.

**DJ:** I don’t think that’s what he was going for.

**AJ:** A donkey symbolizes peace. We’ll never get rid of the Romans now. They’ll think we’re all pushovers.

**DJ:** Maybe Jesus isn’t all that the people thought he was.

**AJ:** I was really hoping he was the One.

**DJ:** Me, too, Dad. Me, too. [*walks out dejectedly*]

[*Blackout*]

***Lenten Awakening***

**Children’s Moment – Palm Sunday**

***Jesus Gifting Peace***

**March 24, 2024**

**By Katie Laidlaw**

**Synopsis:** *Lenten Awakening* series focuses on the life and teaching of Jesus in such a way to awaken us and encourage us to see ourselves through his eyes. Superhero, “The Awakening,” introduces each week’s topic to children.

**Costume:** Superhero cape, mask, etc. (anything to look like a superhero).

**Intro/Outro:** Play superhero-type music as “The Awakening” enters and exits. *For Superhero Royalty-Free Music, go to:* <https://www.storyblocks.com/audio/search/superhero?sort=most_relevant>

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| **Palm Sunday – Jesus Gifting Peace** |

[*Play intro superhero music as you enter the chapel. Invite children to come to the front, having them stand for the lesson.* (Standing keeps the children attentive, engaged and involved in the lesson as the congregation “watches them.” Sitting creates a more relaxed/informal mindset, allowing children to potentially disengage.)]

**Script:**

Hello, kids! I’ve got a question to ask you. What does the most peaceful, most calm day look like for you? [*Allow children to respond*]

Do you remember my name? Yes, I’m *The Awakening*. And as a superhero, I love to bring peace. We’ve talked about how enemies like to smash cars and tear down buildings and stuff. I want to do the opposite. I want everyone to be okay, to feel calm and to be safe. Did you know that Jesus came to make sure that we would have peace?

Our lives can be kind of hard sometimes, and there can be all kinds of bad people that we encounter. There might be situations that make us feel afraid or make us anxious. There may be times when we want to question where God is. We might say, “Why would God let this happen?”

But Jesus came so that we could have peace of mind no matter what happens—no matter what anxiety, fear or loneliness we might experience—that we might have peace. The peace that Jesus brings is something that even in the chaos or under all the stress, peace happens. We can know that peace because Jesus is peace. When we’re friends with Jesus, we can have that peace all the time. You don’t need a superhero, because with Jesus you can have that peace.

1 Peter 3:11 (NIRV) says,

*11 Turn away from evil, and do good. Look for peace, and go after it.*

When we seek Jesus we will find peace!

Let’s pray:

*Dear Jesus,*

*Thank you for being our peace. Thank you that when we are friends with you we can know peace—even in all the craziness and chaos of the world. Being friends with you is like sitting on a nice beach hearing the water and the waves, and we can know the quietness and stillness because we are friends with you. Thank you for loving us. Amen.*

I’ll see you next time!

[*Play outro superhero music as children go back to their seats and you leave the chapel.*]

***Lenten Awakening***

**Lenten Sermon – Palm Sunday**

***Jesus Gifting Peace***

**March 24, 2024**

**By Major Catherine Mount**

**TITLE: Jesus Gifting Peace**

**SCRIPTURE: Luke 19:28-44**

**INTRODUCTION:** If you were going to “make an entrance,” how would you do it? Use your imagination for a moment and paint the picture in your head. What music is playing? How would you arrive—on a horse? In a limousine? On a helicopter? What outfit are you wearing? [*Give time to imagine and maybe share your own ridiculous entry.*]

**TRANSITION:** Today, we are looking at one of the most famous entries in history. Jesus’ triumphal entry to Jerusalem.

**CONTEXT:** Let’s start with this question: Why was it so important that Jesus make this entry into Jerusalem? Why were Jesus and the disciples going there?

* Passover – it was tradition to return to Jerusalem to celebrate Passover
* Fulfilling Prophecy – Jesus is fulfilling a prophecy that was uttered by the prophet Zechariah hundreds of years earlier. Zechariah 9:9 (NIV):

*Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion!  
    Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!  
See, your king comes to you,  
    righteous and victorious,  
lowly and riding on a donkey,  
    on a colt, the foal of a donkey.*

* Obedience to God’s will – Jesus knew He was called to fulfill God’s plan for redemption

**TRANSITION:** Jesus’ return to Jerusalem was not just a friendly visit to the big city for the holidays. There was a bigger picture to be played out in the last week of Jesus’ life. While we understand why Jesus was going to Jerusalem, it is almost funny to think that the beginning of Jesus’ final week started with a *donkey*.

**THE DONKEY:** My guess is most of you did not pick a donkey when I asked how you would make your grand entrance. The fact that Jesus used a donkey as his choice of vehicle is kind of astounding. In fact, the whole situation around the donkey seems odd. Jesus gives the disciples some explicit directions, and we see them in **Luke 19:30-34** (NIV):

***30****“Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here.****31****If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it.’”*

***32****Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them.****33****As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?”*

***34****They replied, “The Lord needs it.”*

Jesus **knew** there was a colt that had never been ridden; He **knew** that the owner would be moved to allow the use of this colt; and He **knew** the significance of riding a donkey into the city. We already learned about him fulfilling the Zechariah prophecy. And it makes me think, if Jesus is able to work out the details of getting a donkey when He needs one, then He is certainly concerned with the details of this world—and with my life and with yours! Jesus cares about you and has a will and a way for your life!

It was not a coincidence that the colt (a humble work animal) was waiting and ready to complete the task. Think about it: Jesus takes the simple and elevates it to royal status. This simple donkey was carrying the King of the Universe into the Holy City. Jesus knew the circumstances and the possibilities of that day, AND he knows the circumstances and possibilities of your life today! The truth is, just like that donkey, there’s a part for you to play in the bigger story of who Jesus is and what He’s doing in the world. Are you letting God work in and through your life?

**TRANSITION:** *Letting God work in your life starts with knowing Him.*

**Luke 19:37-38** (NIV):

***37****When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:*

***38****“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!”*

*“Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”*

**THE KING:** So, who is Jesus the King, the one to whom they shout ***Hosanna***? He is different than any king that has ever come before or will ever come again. Jesus’ procession into Jerusalem is one of many moments that He proves His countercultural approach to Kingship.

**Philippians 2:5-11** (NIV):

***5****In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:*

***6****Who, being in very nature God,  
    did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;****7****rather, he made himself nothing  
    by taking the very nature of a servant,  
    being made in human likeness.****8****And being found in appearance as a man,  
    he humbled himself  
    by becoming obedient to death—  
        even death on a cross!*

***9****Therefore God exalted him to the highest place  
    and gave him the name that is above every name,****10****that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
    in heaven and on earth and under the earth,****11****and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
    to the glory of God the Father.*

Jesus was humble. And Jesus was obedient to the Father. These are not typical kingly characteristics that you would see on a ruler’s resumé. But Jesus understood the nature of love and grace. He understood that we, mere creations of God, were incapable of relating to God until atonement was made [*explain atonement if needed*]. Sometimes it seems like Jesus looks at what the world is expecting, and he does the exact opposite. He says, *You want a king? Here I am riding in on a donkey, in a humble approach to the Holy City*.

Because Jesus is humble and obedient to the Father’s will, he sets an example for us on how to be people of peace in a tumultuous world. But Jesus does not just *show* us peace, He *gives* us peace.

Is Jesus King of your life? The only way to experience true peace in your day-to-day living is to let Jesus take the rightful place as King. Is Jesus—the humble One—King of your family, or your finances? Is He King of your present and your future? Is He King over your hopes and dreams? Do you want peace in all those areas? Let Jesus be your King. If you don’t, you will absolutely miss out on experiencing peace.

**Luke 19:39-44** (NIV):

***39****Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”*

***40****“I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”*

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**CHALLENGE:** How will you respond to Jesus today?

* Will you recognize Him as King and let Him bring peace to your life?
* Will you let Him work in your life? Will you be obedient to God’s will?

In verse 40 Jesus told the Pharisees that if he were to rebuke the people for praising Him, that *“the stones will cry out.”* Jesus **IS** the King! If *we* are not obedient, nature itself will praise the Lord. The truth is, regardless of how you respond, Jesus will grieve for those who do not follow Him. In verse 41, it says that Jesus wept over the city. Here he comes off of the excitement of the triumphal entry and He grieves for all of the people who do not choose to worship Him.

Will you choose Jesus as your King today, the One who brings you peace?