

Sermon-Based Questions
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Long-Awaited King
Luke 19: 28-44

Introduction (Choose 1):

1. The Jews of Jerusalem were excited for the right thing, but for the wrong reason.
 - Do you think this type of excitement about Jesus still happens today?
 - Can we have a tendency, at times, to focus more on what He can do for us then to focus on who He is and what He has already done for us?
2. The Greek word *kairos* means a critical moment. What has been a kairos moment for you in your relationship with Christ?

Reading (Scripture reference):

Read Luke 19: 28-44

Understanding (Chooses 4-6):

3. At this time of year, many people feel confronted by the subject of Jesus. They may react by seeking more information or by putting Playboy Bunny mannequins up in their yard.
 - What was your reaction when you were first confronted with the subject, or person, of Jesus?
 - Dave spoke of Jesus' authority during the course of the week from Palm Sunday through the Resurrection. Do you think people view Him as a victim or One in authority during this time? How about you?
4. Do you find the idea of one who is humble (riding on a donkey) and one who is in authority at conflict when presented to be the same person? Can you give any examples other than Jesus?
5. When Jesus was on earth, He showed His authority over the spiritual world, demons, sickness and the natural world. Do you see that to be different now or just as real?
6. Dave mentioned that it is very easy for believers to view Jesus as a personal assistant here to help fulfill our dreams. How can we stay on track, or return to, the correct view that Jesus is the King we should serve and worship?
7. The truth that Jesus is gentle may be difficult for some to believe. Can you give an example from your life that shows His gentleness?
8. Dave mentioned three ways people respond to Jesus; unimpressed, threatened and overjoyed.
 - The Roman soldiers were unimpressed as they sat on their war horses and this man rode in on a donkey. What are some of the ways the world is not impressed with Jesus today?

- When Jesus makes an impact in our lives, the people around us may very well feel threatened. What about change in our lives do you think is threatening to them?
- Dave made the comment that if Jesus is first, then others are taking their proper place in our life, so we can really love them. What do you think he means by that and how would that make a difference?
- The last example was the people were overjoyed. Sounds like a good thing but it was based on emotion, their own expectation of what it meant and a lack of real commitment. The people wanted to be saved politically, not spiritually. How long did it take the people to turn on Him? Did this take Jesus by surprise? What was the outcome?

Application:

9. We come back again to the Greek word kairos. How can we be better prepared to recognize those critical moments from God?
10. We each should prayerfully consider if we have been looking for salvation (not spiritual, but for everyday life) in any other person or thing other than Jesus. Have we been saying, "Hosannah! Save me! Make me feel like I'm somebody! Save me from being a failure!"? Is there someone around you who feels this way that you could point to the only true Savior?

Lectio Divina

1. **Opening Prayer:** Ask God for insight into His Word, for open hearts and minds, for hunger to know Him better, and for an attitude of learning from one another.
2. **Reading:** Have someone from your group read the passage aloud. It is best to print out a copy for each group member so they can read along, make notes, or go back as needed.
3. **Meditation:** Spend an *entire minute in complete silence*, contemplating what was just read. Feel free to re-read the passage quietly to yourself or jot down thoughts/highlight what stuck out to you.
4. **Sharing:** At the leader's signal, invite group members to share their insights for about 5 minutes.
5. **Repeat:** After the 5 minutes are over, repeat the process 2 more times using the same passage. Listen/read like you haven't heard this passage before. If there are longer moments of silence, the leader can prompt discussion with the following questions:
 1. What did you hear and what seems important?
 2. What is the Holy Spirit impressing on you?
 3. What does it make you think of from your life?

Luke 19:28-34

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, 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."

Luke 19:35-40

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: ³⁸ "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" ³⁹ "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" ⁴⁰ 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."

Luke 19:41-44

⁴¹As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it ⁴²and said, “If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. ⁴³The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. ⁴⁴They 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.”