



"The Countdown to Easter Part 1!" Luke 19: 28-48

## 1. Up to Jerusalem!

- Verse 28
- The road from Jericho to Jerusalem was 17 miles! This is the last leg of the Journey to Jesus being crucified!
- Verse 29 – Jesus stayed in Bethany. He found much comfort being here when He was in Jerusalem. It was a beautiful area of groves of olive trees everywhere.
- We all have a place or two that calms us down and that we love to be at. Jesus knew that in just a few chapters crucifixion was coming! He found rest here!
- Verses 30-31 PROPHECY fulfilled here!
- Matthew and Mark give the exact same prophecies! Matthew 21:3 / Mark 11:3-6
- **What's the big deal here?** There was no cell phones! No wires! No internet! No email!
- The point: That the Disciples once again SAW the power of the Prophecies written in Scripture come to life and happen!
- Jesus and the disciples could not have made arrangements ahead of time for the use of these animals! Yet, Jesus knew precisely where the animals would be, and exactly what the owners would say!
- **This detailed foreknowledge is only SUPERNATURAL!!!**
- Luke 19:32-35 Look at how this is fulfilled!

### A. You can TRUST what Jesus says!

- 2 Timothy 3:16 / 2 Peter 1:20-21! **God-Breathed = God exhaled! From God!** Since this is the case...we can trust God's Word to affect and impact our lives! Look at what it says it does to us! Psalms 118:8 – Trust in God not man!
- Isaiah 40:8 & Matthew 24:35...**God's Word stands forever!**
- When we know that we can trust His Word...we can trust Him! If we do not believe that the Scriptures are the Word of God...how can you trust God? Since we do...you can put your full trust in what He says and in Him! Proverbs 3:5-6!
- *The disciples were amazed at seeing this happen with what Jesus said would happen!*

## 2. The Praise! Verses 35-38

- **Jesus as King!** He is on the colt and then spread their clothes out on the ground!
- **"Spread their clothes"** = Red carpet for the King!
- Verse 37 - They praised Jesus for His **MIGHTY WORKS!**
- Verse 38 – **"Blessed is the King!"** / Psalm 118:26 this prophecy! Jesus as Messiah!
- **"He is King of kings and Lord of lords!"** Revelation 19:16 / Timothy 6:15
- Verse 38 – **"Peace in Heaven!"**
- **Peace in Heaven** = same as in Luke 2:14 the angel's message! **Jesus** = Prince of Peace!

### **3. The Pharisees...the Religious People...hated everything about Jesus!**

- Verse 39 – **"Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"**
- The Pharisees were offended by the disciples offering such worship to Jesus! They wanted to stop them and stop Jesus!
- Verse 40 – Jesus answered **"the stones would immediately cry out!"**
- *Jesus makes the strongest claim of His Deity of Him being God!* If people don't praise God...nature will! He created all of it!
- John the Baptist in Matthew 3:9 calls out the Pharisees for their arrogance of thinking that just because they are members of God's chosen race from Abraham they are going to Heaven. **Nope! They choose NOT to worship Jesus!**
- **"...that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from the stones!"**
- *You all are OUT if you choose to not worship and follow Jesus!*
- **This morning, choose Jesus!** Choose to Worship Jesus! If not, then you will get passed up just like the Pharisees for Eternity!
- Verses 41-42 – **Jesus weeps over the people of Jerusalem! Why?** Their destruction would come in the near future in 70AD and Rome would destroy them!
- **They continue to reject Jesus!** The one who came to seek and save the lost Luke 19:10!
- There are 2 other times that we see Jesus grieving over the people of Jerusalem and rejecting Him. (Luke 13:34 and Matthew 23:37)
- **Why now though in Luke 19???** Because, so many that praised Him in His Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem would turn against Him! He knew their hearts had just superficial praise! (*The scary thing about being fake is that you pay for it in Eternity...forever!*)
- Verse 44 - They would be leveled and destroyed! Torn down and apart! From the city, to their Temple, to their homes and then the people...all destroyed!
- *All because they loved themselves and not God's Word! They ignored the Scriptures and the very Preachers that preached the Scriptures!*

**Closing: "Because you did not (want to) recognize the time of your visitation!" Luke 19:44**

- **They all had the Scriptures!** They all knew that the Messiah would come! They just CHOSE to reject God's One and Only Son!
- Luke 20:13-16 and John 1:10-11
- *Have you recognized this time of Jesus here today for you?*