

**The Triumphal Entry**  
**Palm Sunday**  
**4/14/2019 Sunday AM**

**Introduction**

- Last week we spoke about **Listening to Comprehend**.
- We may hear what is said, but do we comprehend it? Do we understand what is being said?
- Jesus told his disciples on at least three separate occasions that he was going to die, however they didn't understand what he was saying.
- This morning we are going to talk about **The Triumphal Entry** because today is Palm Sunday.
- Today is the beginning of "Holy Week" or "Passion Week." This is the time we commemorate the last week of Jesus' earthly life.

**Luke 19:28-44**

<sup>28</sup>After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup>As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, <sup>30</sup>"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. <sup>31</sup>If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' tell him, 'The Lord needs it.'" <sup>32</sup>Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. <sup>33</sup>As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" <sup>34</sup>They replied, "The Lord needs it." <sup>35</sup>They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup>As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup>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: <sup>38</sup>"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" <sup>39</sup>Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" <sup>40</sup>"I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out." <sup>41</sup>As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it <sup>42</sup>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. <sup>43</sup>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. <sup>44</sup>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."

- **V.28** – Last week we spoke about Jesus warning his disciples that he would soon be put to death once they reached Jerusalem. Here is Jesus' third prediction as recorded in **Mark 10:32-34** – “<sup>32</sup>They were on their way up to Jerusalem, with Jesus leading the way, and the disciples were astonished, while those who followed were afraid. Again he took the Twelve aside and told them what was going to happen to him. <sup>33</sup>"We are going up to Jerusalem," he said, "and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles, <sup>34</sup>who will mock him and spit on him, flog him and kill him. Three days later he will rise."”
- Keep this in mind as we continue in **Luke**. Jesus knows full well what is about to happen to.
- **V.29-31** – Jesus gave these disciples specific instructions to not just get any colt they found in the village, but a specific one that they would find “tide there, which no one [had] ever ridden.”
- This is significant, because only animals that had not been used for ordinary purposes were appropriate for sacred purposes. (**Numbers 19:2; Deuteronomy 21:3; 1 Samuel 6:7**)
- This colt was always destined to be used solely for the purposes of carrying the Messiah.
- Jesus told the disciples tell anyone who asks them what they were doing that “the Lord needs it.”]
- **Mark 11:3** records that Jesus told them, “The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.”
- **Vv.32-35** – The two disciples did as they were told, and found the colt exactly as they were told.
- As Jesus warned them, they were asked by the owners why they were taking the colt and they told them why.
- Colts were valuable animals, this was equivalent to someone coming and taking your car! But the owners let it go.
- The disciples made a seat for Jesus out of their cloaks.

- This event was fulfilling the prophecy in **Zechariah 9:9**, “Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”
- Jesus had walked up to this point and he was only about a mile away from Jerusalem.
- This had to specifically happen in order to fulfill prophecy and for him to proclaim publicly that he is King.
- He was not coming into Jerusalem as a warring king riding on a horse or in a chariot, but as a gentle and peaceable king.
- **Vv. 36-37** – As Jesus rode the colt towards Jerusalem the people began to spread their cloaks on the ground in front of him and **John 12:13** describes them cutting down branches to wave in welcome.
- Jesus had become well known and the people had witnessed many miracles that Jesus had performed.
- **V. 38** – The people began to shout, ““Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!” "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!””
- They were certainly recognizing him as king, however, there were looking for a political king.
- When it became apparent that Jesus was not going to fulfill their hopes, many would turn against him.
- Even the disciples did not understand what was happening here, **John 12:16** says, “At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that they had done these things to him.”
- **V.39-40** – The Pharisees and other religious leaders heard what the people were saying and they thought it was blasphemous.
- They did not want anyone challenging their power or authority, nor did they want to make the Romans mad.
- They wanted Jesus to rebuke his disciples and silence them, but Jesus quoted **Habakkuk 2:11**, “The stones of the wall will cry out, and the beams of the woodwork will echo it.”
- Habakkuk used this as a prophecy against Judah by saying that the “stones of the wall will cry out” concerning their sins. The message Jesus was sending was two-fold: Praise for the true Messiah could not be repressed, and the stones of the wall would bear witness to the city’s rejection of its King.
- **Vv. 41-42** – As Jesus approached the city Luke records that “he wept over it.”
- If only the people would have submitted to what was happening, peace would have come to everyone.
- However, because they rejected their peaceful Messiah, they would not know peace for a long long time. It will be hidden from their eyes.
- **Vv. 43-44** – “<sup>43</sup>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. <sup>44</sup>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.””
- About forty years after Jesus said these words, they came true.
- In 66AD, the Jews revolted against Rome and three years later Emperor Vespasian’s son Titus was sent to crush the rebellion.
- After unsuccessfully trying to take the city, Roman soldiers laid siege to Jerusalem and in 70AD they were able to enter the weakened city and burn it. 600,000 Jews were killed during this onslaught and the Romans did “not leave one stone on another, because [the Jews] did not recognize the time of God’s coming.”
- Jesus entered the city of Jerusalem in grand fashion as a King coming in peace and the people welcomed him with open arms after having seen the many miracles he had performed.
- However, in just a few day’s time, their cries of ““Hosanna!” "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the King of Israel!", will turn to “Crucify him!”
- It may seem crazy that these people were able to turn on Jesus so quick after being eye witnesses to His ministry and miracles, however are we really any different? The next time he comes on an animal though, it will be as a conquering King riding on a horse!

## Wednesday Night Bible Study

Romans 11:25-36