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Jesus Stories

“Jesus and the Triumphant Entry”

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INTRODUCTION

Luke 19:28-40 is often titled “The Triumphant Entry”. Jesus had been to Jerusalem before, but this time He came to die. Jesus orchestrates the particulars of His arrival to fulfill significant prophecies in the Old Testament (Zech. 9:9, & Gen 49:11). As He entered into the Holy City, He was cheered and celebrated by the great crowds who wanted to crown Him as their King. Yet Jesus might not be the type of king they were expecting. He came riding on a young donkey - a picture of humility, a Servant, Savior King.

For the first time in three years, Jesus publicly declares that He is the Messiah. Those who followed Him rejoiced in this public declaration. The religious leaders did not recognize Jesus’ kingship, so they called for Jesus to rebuke people from praising Him.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What brings you **JOY**? How are you keeping your heart encouraged these days?
2. **Read Luke 19:28-40.** What stands out to you the most about this story of Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem?
3. **Read Zechariah 9:9.** Why did Jesus enter Jerusalem as He did, riding a colt?
4. Most of the crowd were embracing Jesus as Messiah. What sort of Messiah were they embracing? What sort of Messiah was Jesus actually portraying?
5. **Read Luke 19:39-40.** Why did the Pharisees tell Jesus to rebuke His disciples? Why did Jesus answer the way He did (vs. 40)?
6. Name the top 3 ways that you try to fix your eyes on Jesus in your own life.
7. Why were the temple courts a “den of robbers”? (See Isaiah 56:7 & Jeremiah 7:11)
8. When Jesus turned over the tables and chased out money-changers, He was fired up! In what areas of your life might God be calling you to demonstrate brave, courageous, bold, or strong faith?
9. Jesus goes from “hero to zero” in just five days. The same people who were waving palm branches would soon be shouting “Crucify Him”. Where in your life have you paid honor or homage to Jesus as King with your words, but your actions are more like “Crucify Him” (where you want to be your own authority)?

PRAYER: Share prayer requests and pray for one another. Pray for our Good Friday and Easter services this week and pray for who God would have you invite to church.