

**Palm Sunday 2022**  
**Luke 19:28-48**  
**When the King Comes to Town**

**Who here likes parades? - Grandson Josiah to Vista Parade this year.**

**A)If you have EVER BEEN to a Parade- there is a certain excitement in the air –**

**B)People get there early to find their spot along the parade route - Certain Buzz – Expectation**

**C)That is the scene here is Luke 19**

29 And it came to pass, when He drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mountain called Olivet, that He sent two of His disciples, 30 saying, “Go into the village opposite you, where as you enter you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Loose it and bring it here. 31 And if anyone asks you, ‘Why are you loosing it?’ thus you shall say to him, ‘Because the Lord has need of it.’ ”

32 So those who were sent went their way and found it just as He had said to them. 33 But as they were loosing the colt, the owners of it said to them, “Why are you loosing the colt?”

34 And they said, “The Lord has need of him.”

35 Then they brought him to Jesus. And they threw their own clothes on the colt, and they set Jesus on him. 36 And as He went, many spread their clothes on the road.

37 Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen,

38 saying:

“ ‘Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!’

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

**In Ancient times the coronation of a monarch was quite a happening**

**A)It usually involved a great display of splendor and pageantry!!!**

**B)The Coronation of Napoleon was a 9 hour ordeal**

**C)A typical coronation would look something like this:**

**1)The king would be dressed in the most expensive robes and jewels**

**D)He would be driven through the capital city in an ornate carriage drawn by stately horses.**

**Accompanying him would be those of Royalty & foreign dignitaries, / followed by Soldiers**

**A)Musicians would play & singers would sing,**

**B)and the crowds would break into spontaneous choruses of praise to their sovereign.**

**C)Every part of the ceremony was designed to highlight the majesty, glory, power, and dignity of that king.**

**The passage Before us today portrays the most significant coronation the world has yet to see**  
**THE DAY JESUS CAME RIDING INTO Jerusalem**

**A)What has been called his triumphal entry**

**B)But it was a coronation marked in great contrast to the kind that I just described**

**C)You see there was no pomp, no elaborate sort of pageantry**

**D)It was a Celebrative but Simple / Orchestrated but Not Ornate !!!!**

**E)As we look at this great Historic Event today I want us to Consider 5 things**

- 1. The Preparation by the King**
- 2. The Celebration for the King**
- 3. The Rejection of the King**
- 4. The Lamentation of the King**
- 5. The Sanctification by the King**

**The Preparation by the King**

**A) Jesus picked the way and the day. V.28-34**

**B)Now this is the only time in the Public ministry of Jesus where He is seen Orchestrating & Accepting a public display of affection**

**C)In every other instance – Jesus would always seek to leave when the CROWDS would start to proclaim His Praises**

**1)When Crowds would seek to make Him / their King !!! / Not time !!**

**But here we see that He Orchestrated the whole thing**

A) He picked the theme - Beginning of the Passover week

B) He picked the place - Eastern Gate leading into the City

C) He picked the WAY – He would ride in on a colt of a Donkey

1) Why a donkey? - A Prophecy. - A Paradox.  
A Picture.

#### **A Prophecy.**

Zechariah 9:9 "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.

B) This Prophecy WAS given by the Prophet Zech. over 550 yrs before this event

1) There He Prophesied **The WAY** the Messiah would ride into the city of Jerusalem Declaring Himself to be their King !!!

**C) Lowly riding on a donkey { Humility**

**D) Stark contrast to a Roman victory parade – General on a Stallion**

1) In tow behind him was the captured soldiers

**So Jesus set this up to Fulfill the Prophecy of Zech. 9:9 But it also created a Paradox -**

A) Jesus instructs His Disciples to go & get a Donkey

B) Note V.31 Jesus says – If anyone asks – why are you taking this animal – tell them *the Lord has need of him!*

C) That sentence is an **Oxymoron: two ideas that don't go together – Lord – and need.**

D) Oxymoron –

“Pretty ugly”  
“Jumbo shrimp”  
“Government organization”

**Lord and Need don't go together!**

A) Lord of heaven needs nothing needs no one – he could have ridden down the MT of Olives on the back of an angel.

B) **Very interesting Paradox** – that the Lord would have need of anything

C) God doesn't need us for anything – he is sufficient in himself

**But we read Mark 4 that He needed to borrow a boat to sit in to preach –**

A) He needed 5 loaves and 2 fish – feed crowd.

**B) He needed a borrowed tomb so He might rise.**

C) Here he had need of a Donkey to ride on for his triumphal entry.

**Listen: Our Lord has chosen to place himself in position where He has need! REASON ?**

A) In order to partner with us – Give us the blessing of being used by Him

B) A few months ago – I was hanging a coat rack in our bedroom. – I let my grandson Josiah help – drill

1) Did I need him to help me? – No – but he had a blast doing it - I posted it on IG

C) And when it fell off the wall a couple of days later because it wasn't anchored properly – I blamed... ☺

D) The Lord doesn't need us – but he chooses to partner with us for our Blessing.

1) He loves us and wants to bless us!

E) A Prophecy, A Paradox – but also a picture

**Donkeys are known for? Stubborn – Stubborn as a Mule?**

A) Donkeys are strong willed creatures – DOES THAT SOUND FAMILIAR – Pic of us

B) This was a Donkey that had never been sat = no one had ever ridden on this animal – Extra spunky

**C) But it is under perfect control when Jesus the King is riding on it**

1) Perfect picture of our lives

D) When our stubborn strong willed lives are surrendered to King Jesus –

1) Great things can happen – He is glorified in us and through us

**So Jesus picked the way – but he also picked the day!**

A)The very day that this happened was also a fulfillment of Bible Prophecy

B)One of the most Fascinating prophecies in the Bible is found in Daniel 9

1)Prophecy that speaks of the triumphal entry – the crucifixion/ the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Jesus all rolled into one

C)Don't have time to go into it in great detail – so let me give you the readers digest version

**Daniel gave us the Countdown to the coming of the Messiah.**

A)The History of Israel would be marked by 70 -7 year periods or 490 yrs 70 weeks of Daniel

B)The countdown would start when a King named Artaxerxes would give a decree to go and rebuild the city of Jerusalem –

C)Daniel prophesied – 483 yrs later messiah arrive

**So on March 14<sup>th</sup> 445 BC – King Artaxerxes issues the degree – yes go and rebuild the city**

A)Now they used a Lunar calendar which was a 360 day calendar

B)You start the countdown 483 yrs – count the days 173,880 days – brings you to April 6<sup>th</sup> AD 32

C)That is the day that we are looking here in Luke 19 – **THE VERY DAY!!!**

1)That is the day that Jesus arrives in Jerusalem and for the first time accepts praise from pp as messiah

**This is the fulfillment of one of the most amazing and significant prophecies in the Bible**

A)But get this: Daniel also predicted that at the end of this week – Messiah would be cut off –

B)**But not for himself**

C)At the triumphal entry – the beginning of the Passover week – People lining streets – **Hossana – Save now**

D)But at the end of this week – Crucify him – Jesus the messiah would be cut off but not for himself

1) Cut off to pay the price for our sins

**E)Two comings of messiah – Lamb – and lion**

**So 69 of those 7 year periods = 483 yrs all that was fulfilled in this week – Triumphal entry & Cross**

A)But There is one 7 year period remaining – leading up to the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Messiah

B)In that final 7 year period – Anti-christ comes on the scene – Solve the Chaos in the world

C)Our world is looking for a leader right now!

**This man who comes on the scene -will solve the problem in the middle East**

A)Jews and Arabs to coexist on the temple MT.

B)Help the Jews rebuild their temple – Daniel 9 talks about this

1)Covenant with Israel

C)But in the middle of that 7 year period he will turn on Israel – all hell breaks lose

**The stage is being set folks –The world is looking for a strong leader**

A)one world Govt – cashless society – Israel is ready for a rebuilt temple

B)Everything is falling into place right now.

C)If Jesus was able to fulfill this prophecy to the very day – Why doubt fulfill his prophecy to come for...

1)Come again at his 2<sup>nd</sup> coming – READY

**Preparation by the King – The way and Day Others will go a little faster**

A)#2 The celebration of the King V.35-38

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38 saying:“ ‘Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!’ Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

**When welcoming a king**

A)It was customary for people to lay their outer garments on the road, and wave palm branches

B)Symbolizing their respect for him & their submission to his authority.

1)It was as if to say, *“We place ourselves at your feet, even to walk over if necessary.”*

C)Matt. 21:9 and Mark 11:9 both tell us that the people were crying out **HOSANNA= Save Now!!**

**Save us from the Roman Oppression**

A)But Jesus had something greater in MIND

B)Save from Sin / Fear of death / Dominance of Satan

C)So the people were cheering praising – rejoicing

**Look what the religious leaders were doing.**

**#3 The Rejection of the King**

39 And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, “Teacher, rebuke Your disciples.”

**Why were the religious leaders so up in arms about what the crowd was doing and saying.**

A)The people of Israel were crying out in accordance with Psalm 18 – Messianic Psalm

B)Here is how it starts –

22 The stone which the builders rejected  
Has become the chief cornerstone.

**The Cornerstone was the chief stone, the most important stone of any building**

A)The Messiah is the Cornerstone to the building of God’s kingdom – everything rest on him

B)He would be rejected by the builders – in this case the religious leaders of Israel

23This was the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

C)This is all a part of the Lord’s plan – the Messiah would be rejected – crucified –

1)Give his life to save lives from Sin and death and restore fellowship with God!

24This is the day the Lord has made;  
We will rejoice and be glad in it.

**D)This is the day – not any day – the day of Salvation – Rejoice salvation has come**

25Save now Hosanna, I pray, O Lord;  
O Lord, I pray, send now prosperity.

26Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!  
We have blessed you from the house of the Lord.

E)religious leaders upset – this is call to Messiah  
**40 But He answered and said to them, “I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out.”**

**If the People don’t CRY OUT THE ROCKS WILL !!!**

A)Wouldn’t that have been something!!! – Ultimate – ROCK CONCERT - Stones singing

B)Paul said that Creation is groaning – longing for the day of Redemption when they can break forth into Praise !!!!

C)The Rocks are ready to Cry out / the Trees Isa. Declares will Clap their hands /

1)the Mts will Break forth into Song !!!!

D)I believe there is something more to this than – just symbolic –

1)creation is longing to be restored so it can praise God

E)**But then there are People who can worship & can Praise who say – *I don’t feel like worshipping today –***

**Guys we really don’t Understand the Privilege that the Lord has given to us**

A)He has given us the Capacity to Praise Him

B)Creation wants to & can’t at this Present time – People can but many don’t want to !!!! Sad

C)Lets never give them an opportunity – Church that loves to worship – Exalt Jesus

1)Be a group of people hearts are marked by an attitude of gratitude – Worship here is the overflow

D)So the People are celebrating – the religious Leaders are rejecting –

1)But what was Jesus Doing? WEEPING

#### #4 The Lamentation of the King v.41-44

41 Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, 42 saying, "If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. 43 For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, 44 and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know **the time of your visitation.**"

A)Jesus wept over the city – Wept = to wail out loud

1)Wept is speaking of a violent cry, a passionate cry so

#### B)Why was Jesus weeping over the city ?

C)He sorrowing over the insincere hearts of the people.

D)He Knew that although they were welcoming Him as a King

1)The people wanted **a king on their own terms**

E)they would not bow to a King who was not of their liking, even though He were the Son of God.

#### Guys we can be guilty of doing the same thing

A)We want a king on our own terms – who does what we want him to.

B)We passionately sing I surrender all to King Jesus until he doesn't do what we thought he should do

1)Then we get upset with him

C)He is our king – until he asks us to do something that we are uncomfortable with –

1)Or to give up something that is precious to us – because it is hurting us spiritually –

D)Then we are not so found of him! – Less enthusiastic to follow him.

**Jesus KNEW that some of those who shouted Hosanna today would in a few days cry CRUCIFY HIM.**

A)We don't want him reigning over us

**B)Jesus KNEW that the TRIUMPHANT ENTRY into Jerusalem would soon be followed by His own DEATH-MARCH out of it.**

C)So Jesus was weeping over hearts / Insincerity of their cry: Save Now!

#### #2 He was sorrowing over missed opportunities

A)This was actually the 2<sup>nd</sup> time that Jesus wept over this city.

**Luke 13:34 - "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones God's messengers! How often I have wanted to gather your children together as a hen protects her chicks beneath her wings, but you wouldn't let me. NLT**

B)The city of Jerusalem holds a special place in the heart of God

**Psalm 87:3 Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God**

**Psalm 48:2-3**

**2 It is magnificent in elevation — the whole earth rejoices to see it!**

**Mount Zion, the holy mountain, is the city of the great King!**

**3 God himself is in Jerusalem's towers. He reveals himself as her defender. NLT**

**C)Jesus Wept over this city because they were blind to the work that God wanted to do FOR them /**

**WITH them & IN Them**

**D)I Wanted to Gather you close.... – but you were not willing**

**E)SO TOO - The Lord is always seeking intimacy with us**

**1)Gal. 4:6 Holy spirit Abba – daddy – Are we willing?**

#### #3 Sorrowing over a Horrific future

A)Jesus knew the future of this city and His people.

B)He saw so clearly the utter desolation of Jerusalem. Jesus knew every single event and detail of the tragedy that awaited this city.

1) Romans would come in & overthrow it !!!!



C) People would be dispersed – the temple would be torn down

**D) NOTE: Spiritual blindness not only leads to LOSING what God would want to do in your life... It leads to devastation and destruction**

**Jesus weeps today over men's blindness and unwillingness to allow Him to work in their lives/ Be their Savior**

A) He sees the Destruction & Damnation that is going to come upon those people if they don't repent –

B) Jesus heart grieves for the Lost

C) If you are here today and don't know Christ

1) Today April 10<sup>th</sup> 2022 is the day of YOUR VISITATION

D) Jesus comes to you today – what Will YOU say to Him: "SAVE NOW!! SAVE NOW!!"

1) Or NOT NOW!!! – Don't bug me

The Preparation by the King

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**Finally The Sanctification by the King**

45 Then He went into the temple and began to drive out those who bought and sold in it, 46 saying to them, "It is written, 'My house is a house of prayer,' but you have made it a 'den of thieves.' "

47 And He was teaching daily in the temple. But the chief priests, the scribes, and the leaders of the people sought to destroy Him, 48 and were unable to do anything; for all the people were very attentive to hear Him.

**When Jesus arrives in Jerusalem - He doesn't head for the Palace or even the Antonia Fortress.....**

A) He goes to the temple of the Jews

B) Religious leaders turned the courts of the temple into a swap meet of sorts - Shady deals

C) Rip offs – the Lamb inspection scam

**Jesus goes in and overturns the tables and drives them out**

A) And get this no one tries to stop him – not the temple guards – not the religious leaders

B) Shows his kingly authority – everyone just watched

**And Note this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> time that he has done this.**

A) The first time was almost 3 years before at the beginning of his ministry – John 2 – Same thing

B) Straight to the temple – drives out the .....

**C) Application: Well the Bible says that our hearts are a temple too – temple of the Holy Spirit**

1) The Lord has to come and overturn the tables of my life.

D) And although I wish this were a one-time process, it's not.

1) Just when I think I've learned a lesson, just when I think – got it together

**E) Suddenly I find the old junk back in my temple once again.**

1) Then the Lord comes in faithfully and deals with it radically.

That is how much he loves us – not going to leave us in that place of sin and compromise.