



STARTING THE HOLY JOURNEY

Luke 19:28 – 48

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MESSAGE NOTES

Luke 19:28 – 40 (ESV)

28 And when He had said these things, He went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

29 When He drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, He sent two of the disciples,

30 saying, "Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here

... **35** And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it.

36 And as He rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road.

37 As He was drawing near – already on the way down the Mount of Olives – the whole multitude of His disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that 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!"

39 And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples."

40 He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

– Luke 19:37 – 38

- **To move from a hard heart to a heart of wonder and worship**

– Luke 19:39 – 40

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is He, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. – Zechariah 9:9 (ESV)

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them ... for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. – Isaiah 11:6, 9 (ESV)

You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. – Isaiah 55:12 (ESV)

– Luke 19:39 – 40 (ESV)

I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem ... His rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. – Zechariah 9:10 (ESV)

- **To move from a fortress mentality to an open door mentality.**

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Let not the foreigner who has joined himself to the Lord say, "The Lord will surely separate me from His people ..." these I will bring to My holy mountain, and make them joyful in My house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on My altar; for My house shall be called **a house of prayer for all peoples.** – Isaiah 56:3, 7 (ESV)



- **To move from sin to living a new life.**

And He entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold, saying to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be a house of prayer,' but you have made it a den of robbers." – Luke 19:45 – 46 (ESV)

And He was teaching daily in the temple. The chief priests and the scribes and the principal men of the people were seeking to destroy Him, but they did not find anything they could do, for all the people were hanging on His words. – Luke 19:47 – 48 (ESV)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Discussion Starter: What is the longest journey you have ever been on? Share it with your group.
- Imagine we were there on Palm Sunday when Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey to the shouts of "Hosanna". What do you think it would have felt like? What were people saying about Jesus?
- As we approach Easter 2023, do you have a hard heart or an open heart to God? Rate the openness of your heart to God this Easter, 10 being wide open and 1 being really closed off. Share your rating and why with each other.
- Read Isaiah 5:12 which talks about Jesus coming back again. What are some of the things that palm waving represented back then and for us today?
- What key truth did you take away from the teaching this Sunday?
- In what ways can ENCOUNTER be a "house of prayer for the nations" as we live on mission together (ENCOUNTERING GOD, ENCOURAGING EACH OTHER AND ENGAGING THE WORLD for Christ)?
- Read Luke 19:45 – 46. Pastor Jon said that a "den of robbers" is a place where the robbers escape after having committed their crimes. In this passage, Jesus was saying the temple (the church) had become a place people hideout at after committing crimes against God all week long and still not dealing with their sin. How may this be true or not true for us today? In what way can we become "religious bank robbers" without realizing it?
- What does it mean to move from a fortress mentality to an open door mentality as a church, a family and a friend? With all the new people who will participate on Easter Sunday, how can we as a church family and as individuals live with God's heart toward others?
- What is the greatest way for you to let Palm Sunday set the pace for you as you enter the Holy Week?
- Where will you park like a missionary next Sunday when you come to celebrate Easter Sunday?