

Talk It Over

Hosanna!
Luke 19:28-44

SMALL TALK

1. What's your favorite parade that you've seen? Have you ever been in one?

VIEWPOINT

2. **Read Luke 9:21-22, 44, 51.** How do we see Jesus being in control of the mission in front of Him?
3. **Read Psalm 118.** Where do you see Jesus in this Psalm?
4. **Read 1 Timothy 2:4.** What do we see about God's heart for all people from this text?

GETTING PERSONAL

5. In Luke 19, we see the fickleness of the followers of Jesus in light of the rest of the Gospel of Luke. If you were to be honest, are there times when your praise is fickle too?

MAKING PROGRESS (THIS WEEK)

6. Invite someone to Easter! Give them an invite card and let them know you'll sit with them. Along with that, you could offer to take them to lunch after to talk about how their experience was!

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INTRO

People love a good parade

Every year, 50+ million people watch the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.



Most common balloon?
Snoopy, 36x

A single balloon can weigh 400 pounds, is several stories high, each with 90 handlers. 50+ million people watching.

People love a good parade

The Triumphal Entry is a kind of parade. But it's different.

- Rejoicing and Weeping
- Celebration and Sorrow
- Elation and Heaviness

It's a roller coaster of emotions.

And the parade is all about Jesus.

All too often, we want the parade of life to be all about us, don't we? Me. Me. Me. And that parade is short lived.

And we all, deep down, want to rejoice, celebrate and get swept up in the elation of the true parade, of the Gospel!

And so, this story, that many are familiar with, does it really matter? What's the big deal about this parade, this triumphal entry?

The Triumphal Entry is Jesus declaring, "I AM KING!"

And, in a sense, He is asking you and I the question, do you believe this?
And so, let's open up to Luke 19 as we ask ourselves this question, what do we learn about Jesus from the Triumphal Entry?

****pray****

1. Jesus is in Control (vss. 28-34)

1. We can trust Him

Now where are we at in Luke? Jesus has been on his own death march to Jerusalem. He's dead set on going to Jerusalem to die for you and me. Starting in Luke 9:51, Luke tells us this:

As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. -Luke 9:51

And so, all along the way to Jerusalem, Jesus is healing and giving these incredible teachings and pointing people to the Gospel. Which brings us to our text today.

28 After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

-Luke 19:28

What is *this*? It's the parable of the ten minas. Which is all about those who accept the Gospel and those who reject the Gospel. We'll see more about this in our text today.

Verse 28 says that Jesus is going up to Jerusalem. Jerusalem was higher in elevation.

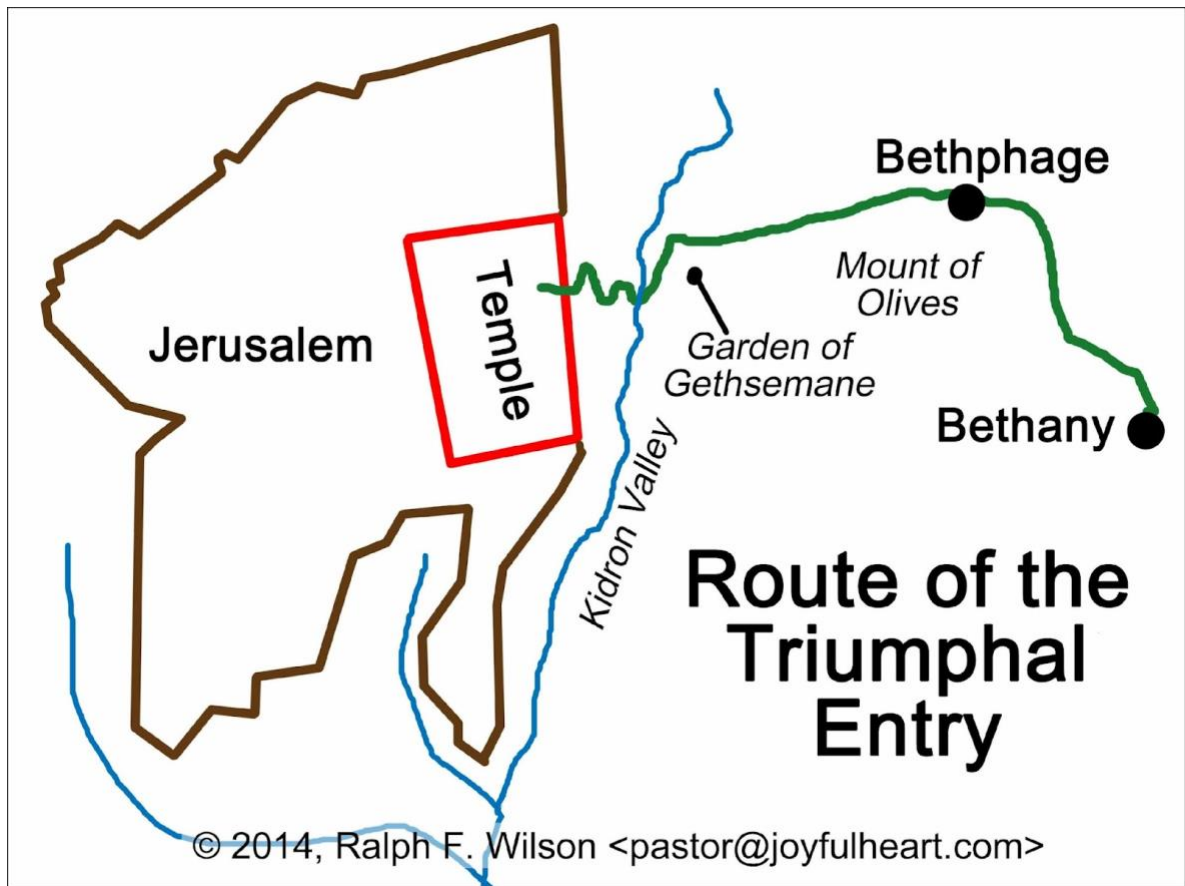
29 As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 30 "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. 31 If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Lord needs it.'"

32 Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. 33 As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

34 They replied, "The Lord needs it."

-Luke 19:29-34

In verse 29, Jesus gets to Bethphage and Bethany (picture)



- At the hill of the Mount of Olives
 - Jesus came here frequently. During this passion week, he stayed over here at night. The night he was betrayed, he was in the Garden of Gethsemane here. After his rez, Jesus stood on the Mount of Olives and was taken up to heaven. Jesus according to Zechariah 14:4 will return in triumph.
- He sends two of his disciples to find a colt-no one had ever ridden
 - Stresses that this is set apart for service
- The Lord needs it-Jesus may have had a pre-arrangement with them
- Imagine being those owners-wow!
- Jesus is fulfilling prophecy!

Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion!
 Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!
 See, your king comes to you,
 righteous and victorious,
 lowly and riding on a donkey,
 on a colt, the foal of a donkey.-Zechariah 9:9



• This is stressing his humility and his kingship.

• **Illustration: Queen of England-70 year reign. Constitutional Monarchy-power resides with Parliament. Jesus=all the power**

◦ As King, He is orchestrating the details in your life too! He knows what He's doing

◦ **You're a couple weeks sober, struggling to give into temptation**
 ◦ **that friend that hurt you. He's there!**

◦ **That thing that's tearing you**

apart inside that no one knows about

Jesus is in control. What else do we learn from the Triumphal Entry?

2. **Jesus Deserves all the Praise (vss. 35-40)**

1. He and He alone deserves to be on the throne of our hearts!

35 They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. 36 As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

37 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:

38

“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

-Luke 19:35-38

They throw their cloaks on the colt and on the road. This is an act of homage to royalty. We see this in **2 Kings 9:13**

They quickly took their cloaks and spread them under him on the bare steps. Then they blew the trumpet and shouted, “Jehu is king!” -2 Kings 9:13

- **What are you laying down at Jesus’ feet?**
 - **Wallet...family (Micah)..my own life**
- And the disciples are joyfully praising God in a loud voice. Imagine the sound! Imagine the miracles they had seen! They had seen him raise multiple people from the dead including Lazarus, heal a woman who had been bleeding for 12 years, cast out demons, heal leprosy.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

From the house of the Lord we bless you.

-Psalm 118:26

This is the final of the Hallel Psalms (Praise Psalms) in Chs 113-118. Incorporated during Passover. The final Psalm is sung in praise as the people enter the temple gates. The people are praising King Jesus, who fulfills this Psalm.

In Matthew, we see them shouting Hosanna! Since Luke is written to Gentiles, he leaves this Jewish word out that they wouldn't be familiar with. Hosanna means "Save, we pray!" This is used in Psalm 118:25. Palm Branches were waved-associated with victory and triumph. Jesus means "the LORD saves."

The people knew what they were singing.

39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"

40 "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

-Luke 19:39-40

The Pharisees know exactly what's going on. They tell Jesus, "rebuke your disciples." Tell them to keep it down. We don't want Rome to react to this!

Jesus' response? I'm going to get my praise no matter what. The stones will cry out.



• illustration: singing in the car

Don't tell me you've never done this!

• Jesus deserves all the praise! So go for it..crank up the worship in the car, sing

to him while you do the dishes, change your baby's diaper, walk your dog. He deserves it all! How are you going to praise Him this week?

3. Jesus Calls Everyone to Surrender to Him (vss. 41-44)

1. Jesus calls for all of us to wave the white flag and say He is our King

41 As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it 42 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. 43 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. 44 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."

As Jesus is going down the road, he gets to the part where he sees the city of Jerusalem



And it's absolutely breathtaking. And in the midst of all the joy and excitement and triumph and celebration, what does Jesus do? He weeps. *This isn't just a sniffle. It's sobbing.*

Jesus' heart breaks for the people of Israel. God had chosen this people to proclaim Him to the world. And now, Jesus looks over the city, knowing that His people will reject Him. *Jesus' heart breaks for those who do not know Him.*

He predicts that Israel will be invaded. And in less than 40 years later, in AD 70, this very thing happens as Rome invades led by the general and future emperor Titus.



What breaks your heart?

- Does your heart break for Cottonwood? For the Verde Valley?
 - For the 14,000 children in foster care in AZ?
 - For the human trafficking taking place all up and down our highways?
 - For those who are facing food scarcity?
 - And for those who do not know the Gospel?
- Jesus says to Jerusalem and He says to our city, “If only you knew!”
- *That’s why we’re here! To show and share the Gospel. This is the Great Commandment after all. We are for the Verde Valley!*
- If you don’t know this Jesus, or maybe you’ve just checked out of the parade, come talk to our prayer team about Him. We want to pray with you!
- *Let’s share the Gospel with others*
 - “Let me tell you what He has done in my life”
 - Easter invite cards
 - Perfect week to bring a skeptic. Jim’s going to address that.
 - You are honorary greeters! 10 foot rule. Imagine that person coming into church who you don’t know is Jesus.

Conclusion

You know what happens at the end of the Macy's Day Parade? The balloons are deflated and the people go home.

When you make it about your own parade, it's temporal, it ends as quickly as it begins.

But we get to be all about Jesus. In fact, His parade didn't end in the Gospels. He's coming back in the ultimate parade. He's coming back to reign forever. We see this in Revelation 20. He will come and be with His people. He will wipe away every tear and He will dwell with them forever.

And so, remember this..

1. Jesus is in Control (Trust Him)
2. Jesus Deserves all the Praise (Praise Him)
3. Jesus calls everyone to surrender (Share Him)

Let's be a part of His parade. All other parades end.
But the celebration with Him lasts forever. ****Pray****