

Why Choose the Donkey

Luke 19:28-44

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I. The stage is set. *Luke 19:28-36*

The nobleman in the parable of the minas is Jesus, who left this world after taking the Cross, but will return as _____ someday.

- Jesus is _____, so one reason for choosing a donkey was to set the stage for the fulfillment of the prophecy of **Zechariah**.

Jesus rode in on a colt which symbolized _____ and Salvation.

- By laying their clothes on the road and waving Palm branches, the people were giving Jesus the royal treatment, proclaiming Him as their _____ king. **Matthew 21:8**

II. For some, Jesus' arrival caused anger. *Luke 19:37-40*

The multitude was crying "**Hosanna to the Son of David**", a **Messianic** saying. **Hosanna** means _____ now.

- Jesus is Lord of all creation, and if people will not Praise Him as King, then _____ will shout it out. **Romans 8:22-23**

Jesus realized the crowd was shouting Hosanna this week, but there will be a crowd shouting "_____ Him" the next week.

III. Jesus looked over Jerusalem. *Luke 19:41-44*

The word, "**wept**" in *Luke 19:41* means _____ weeping, lamenting, or mourning. Jesus loudly "**wept**" over Jerusalem.

1. The tears reveal Jesus is the Messiah, the _____, who came to rescue lost sinners.
2. The tears reveal that Jesus _____ knows what will happen to each one of us.
3. The tears reveal how great the Savior's _____ is, for lost sinners. **Mark 6:34**

IV. Practical Application.

1. Like Jesus, we should be _____. **James 4:10**
2. Like Jesus, we should learn to know our _____.

A vital part of Christianity is finding our identity in Christ, as a child of God, a new creation, and a part of His family, because we received the gift of salvation by _____ in Christ.

3. Like Jesus, we should _____ the will of the Father.

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

1. Read **Luke 19:11-27** and discuss the parable of the minas. *Who did the nobleman in the parable represent? What did the sermon say about the purpose of Jesus teaching this parable at this time?*

Daniel 2:44, Revelation 20:2-7, Matthew 24:36

2. Read **Luke 19:28-36**. Discuss the potential responses from the people present that day. *Did Jesus know what the people were thinking?*

John 6:14-15, Matthew 9:4, Luke 5:22, John 2:24

3. *What did Jesus coming into Jerusalem on a colt of a donkey signify? Why was it important that this prophecy be fulfilled on this specific day? What were the people doing by laying palm branches down? How will Jesus come back? What do all of these things mean for us today?*

Zechariah 9:9, Galatians 4:4-5, Romans 5:8-10, Revelation 19:11, Matthew 21:8

4. Read **Luke 19:37-40**. *What does Hosanna mean? Why did Jesus say the rocks would cry out? Does matter react to its Creator?*

Psalms 118:26, Romans 8:22-23, Psalm 46:10, Mark 4:35-41, Acts 4:31

5. Read **Luke 19:41-44**. *What kind of weeping was Jesus doing here? What does this reveal to us about Jesus?*

6. Discuss the three things found within the Practical Application that we should do to be like Jesus.

James 4:10, Philippians 2:5-8, Matthew 23:11, 2 Corinthians 5:17-21, Ephesians 2:10, John 6:38, 1 Samuel 15:22