

Series: The Gospel of Luke

Sermon: May I present to you, The King!

Passage: Luke 19:28-48 (ESV)

Illustration:

Need: Jesus enters Jerusalem as Messiah to mixed responses but in clear presentation.

I. Humble Presentation. (19:28-40)

- As Jesus enters Jerusalem at the season of Passover, He officially presents Himself to Israel as Messiah.
- It is likely there were around 2.7 million people in and around the city for the Passover feast.
- **Zechariah 9:9** revealed how the King would arrive at the appointed time.
- Instead of a war horse, Jesus enters on the back of an animal who was the symbol of peace.
- Matthew, Mark and John all record the crowds shouting “Hosanna” which means “Save us!”
- Jesus would not deny that He was Messiah as He entered the city.

II. Broken Lamentation. (19:41-44)

- **John 1:5, 11** - Jesus came to His own to save them but the nation as a whole refused Him (Lk 19:14).
- Jesus openly and loudly weeps because of Israel’s spiritual blindness and rebellion.
- Instead of God’s blessing, Israel would experience severe judgment at the hand of Rome (AD 70).
- Jesus’ words were not those of a judge but those of a compassionate and brokenhearted Savior.
- While lambs were being selected for sacrifice, the true Lamb of God was in their very presence.

III. Bold Demonstration. (19:45-48)

- Jesus demonstrate His authority in God’s house by forcing out the merchants and money changers.
- He refused to turn a blind eye to the corruption of those “in charge” of temple worship.
- Jesus’ actions enraged the ruling class of the Sanhedrin and they became intent on destroying Him.

IV. Following His example:

1. We honor Jesus through meekness and humility, never through pride and power.
2. The condition of the lost should lead us to more tears and less judgment.
3. Corruption in God’s family must be addressed with boldness and love.