

Luke 19:28-44 (NLT) - 28 After telling this story, Jesus went on toward Jerusalem, walking ahead of his disciples. 29 As he came to the towns of Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he sent two disciples ahead. 30 "Go into that village over there," he told them. "As you enter it, you will see a young donkey tied there that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. 31 If anyone asks, 'Why are you untying that colt?' just say, 'The Lord needs it.'"

32 So they went and found the colt, just as Jesus had said. 33 And sure enough, as they were untying it, the owners asked them, "Why are you untying that colt?"

34 And the disciples simply replied, "The Lord needs it." 35 So they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments over it for him to ride on.

36 As he rode along, the crowds spread out their garments on the road ahead of him. 37 When he reached the place where the road started down the Mount of Olives, all of his followers began to shout and sing as they walked along, praising God for all the wonderful miracles they had seen.

38 "Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven, and glory in highest heaven!"

39 But some of the Pharisees among the crowd said, "Teacher, rebuke your followers for saying things like that!"

40 He replied, "If they kept quiet, the stones along the road would burst into cheers!"

41 But as he came closer to Jerusalem and saw the city ahead, he began to weep. 42 "How I wish today that you of all people would understand the way to peace. But now it is too late, and peace is hidden from your eyes. 43 Before long your enemies will build ramparts against your walls and encircle you and close in on you from every side. 44 They will crush you into the ground, and your children with you. Your enemies will not leave a single stone in place, because you did not recognize it when God visited you."

Psalm 118:22-29 (NLT) -

The stone that the builders rejected
has now become the cornerstone.

23 This is the Lord's doing,
and it is wonderful to see.

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

25 Please, Lord, please save us.
Please, Lord, please give us success.

26 Bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
We bless you from the house of the Lord.

27 The Lord is God, shining upon us.
Take the sacrifice and bind it with cords on the altar.

28 You are my God, and I will praise you!
You are my God, and I will exalt you!

29 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!
His faithful love endures forever.

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Study Guide

This last week we celebrated Palm Sunday together. We spoke about the celebration of the coming of the King, and the tragedy that many have yet to do so because He is not the king they think they want.

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What are some of the ways that you find it hard to accept Jesus as the King? Are there areas where it is easy to receive him that way?

It can be challenging to remember that Jesus is not just king over part of my life, but over all of it. His authority is not conditional or limited, but over all of my life and everything that has been or will be. And that means that we need to look for ways to live as though that is true, because it is!

Take a moment to read John 18:34-40. What stands out to you about this story? What does this teach us about the kingship of Jesus?

Jesus is clear that his kingdom is not what anyone there thinks it is. He is not one king amongst others. He is not a king like any other king they had ever seen. He is and always will be unique as He alone is over all others. So, what do you think are some of the things that set the Kingdom of God apart from all others? What would it look like to live as a part of that Kingdom? How have you found ways to embrace the kingship of Jesus more fully?

Take some time to share with each other and to pray that we might all more fully embrace Jesus as the King.