

Follow Me — and I Will Make You Fishers

(A Journey Through the Gospel of Luke)

“The Arrival of the King”

Luke 19

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Big Idea

Every person must decide how they will respond to the King.

Disciple-Making Focus

Disciple-makers recognize King Jesus, faithfully advance His Kingdom, and worship Him with wholehearted devotion.

I. Disciple-Makers _____ the King Personally (vv. 1-10)

“Today salvation has come to this house.” (Luke 19:9)

“For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save the lost.” (Luke 19:10, CSB)

Key Truth:

The King's grace transforms every life that truly receives Him.

II. Disciple-Makers _____ the King's Mission Faithfully (vv. 11-27)

“So he called ten of his servants and gave them ten minas. ‘Put this money to work,’ he said, ‘until I come back.’” (Luke 19:13, NIV)

“I tell you, that to everyone who has, more will be given; and from the one who does not have, even what he does have will be taken away.” (Luke 19:26, CSB)

Key Truth:

The King expects His disciples to multiply what He has entrusted to them.

III. Disciple-Makers _____ the King Wholeheartedly (vv. 28-48)

“Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.” (Luke 19:38, CSB)

“It is written, my house will be a house of prayer, but you have made it a den of thieves!” (Luke 19:46, CSB)

Key Truth:

The King deserves more than admiration.

He deserves wholehearted worship and obedience.

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Small Group Questions — Week 22

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Week 22: The Arrival of the King

Text: Luke 19

Start Here — Reflective Question

Have you ever met someone important or influential? How did you prepare for that meeting? What made it significant?

Read the Passage

Have someone read Luke 19 aloud before discussion.

Discussion Questions

1. Receive the King — Luke 19:1–10

Jesus enters Jericho and calls Zacchaeus by name. A man everyone else rejected is sought out by the Savior.

- Why do you think Jesus chose to stop and speak to Zacchaeus?
- What does Zacchaeus' response reveal about genuine repentance?
- Why is it important that Jesus sought Zacchaeus before Zacchaeus fully understood who Jesus was?
- How has Jesus pursued you, even before you fully understood who He was?

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- What evidence of Christ's transforming work have you seen in your own life since coming to Him?

2. Advance the King's Mission — Luke 19:11–27

Jesus tells the Parable of the Minas to teach His disciples that the King expects faithfulness while He is away.

- Why do you think the servants were expected to invest what the king entrusted to them?
- What resources has Jesus entrusted to every believer?
- Why is faithfulness more important than comparing ourselves with others?
- What excuses do Christians sometimes make for not using what God has given them?

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- What is one area of your life where you sense God calling you to invest more intentionally for His Kingdom?

3. Honor the King — Luke 19:28–48

Jesus enters Jerusalem as King, weeps over the city, and cleanses the Temple.

- Why did Jesus weep over Jerusalem even while the crowds were praising Him?
- What does the cleansing of the Temple reveal about God's desire for true worship?
- How can someone appear religious while still resisting Jesus' authority?
- In what ways can we honor Jesus with our lives beyond Sunday worship?

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- Is there an area of your life where Jesus is asking for greater obedience or surrender?

Disciple-Making Connection

The Disciple-Making Focus this week was: **"Disciple-makers receive King Jesus, faithfully advance His Kingdom, and worship Him with wholehearted devotion."**

- How does faithfully serving King Jesus help us become better disciple-makers?
- Who has God placed in your life that needs to experience the grace Zacchaeus experienced?
- What gifts, opportunities, or relationships has God entrusted to you that could be used to help someone take a step toward Jesus?
- How can this group pray for you as you seek to live faithfully under the King's authority this week?

Close Together

Spend time praying together. Pray that God would:

- Help you receive His grace with humility.
- Make you faithful with everything He has entrusted to you.
- Reveal any area where you've resisted His authority.
- Give you a heart that worships Him with wholehearted devotion.
- Open doors this week to point someone else to King Jesus.

Weekly Challenge

Each morning this week, pray:

"King Jesus, rule over every part of my life today. Help me faithfully use everything You've entrusted to me for Your Kingdom. Open my eyes to one person I can encourage or point toward You this week."

Then intentionally look for one opportunity this week to **receive, reflect, and represent the King**—whether by extending grace to someone, investing in a spiritual conversation, serving someone sacrificially, or sharing the hope of Christ with a person God places in your path.