

# THE ROAD TO JERUSALEM

March 23rd & 24th, 2024



1. Imagine you see a stranger get behind the driver's seat in your idling car. You ask them, "What are you doing?" and they respond, "The Lord needs it." How would you respond?

## READ Luke 19:28-44

2. What do you think the reaction would be for the disciples who found the colt exactly as Jesus described it? Even further, how do you think they would react in realizing Jesus' words they were given paved the way? How is this an important lesson for us when it seems that God is telling us to do something that doesn't make sense?

3. What do you think the expectations of the crowd were as Jesus road into Jerusalem according to the prophets in Zechariah 9:9-10 and Isaiah 9:6-7? How did they expect Jesus to bring them peace? How did Jesus actually bring peace? Which outcome was better?

4. Similarly we can place expectations on Jesus pertaining to our lives whether health, provision, comfort or blessing. How does Jesus reveal a bigger picture for us in each of those areas? What can it do to someone's faith when expectations aren't met?

5. How did people respond to Jesus when they thought He was going to do what they expected? How did that change later in the week (Luke 22:55-57; 23:20-21)? Have you ever found your own personal worship of God to be fickle? How can we strive for faithful worship through the highs and lows, whether life is going according to expectation or not?

6. How is the worship of the crowd similar to the worship of the angels in Luke 2:14?

7. The people joyfully worshipped God but not everyone shared in that joy. How did the Pharisees respond to the worship of Jesus? How did Michal react to her husband David's celebration and worship in 2 Samuel 6:16? How did Nebuchadnezzar respond in Daniel 3:14-15? How can you commit to worship despite the reactions of those around you?

8. Is God desperate for our worship? Does God need anything? What did Jesus say the response would be if the people didn't worship?

9. Why does the tone of the passage quickly change in Luke 19:41? The celebration of the people and the weeping of Jesus is centered on what one thing that Jesus offers?

10. As Jesus entered into Jerusalem, people laid palm branches down to line the way. What are ways you can prepare your heart going into this Easter season?