

Palm Sunday to Pentecost

The Pharisees didn't like the imagery of the king, but there is a greater visitation, who were they blind to (v44)?

Where could they have found peace and forgiveness?

Many see Jesus foretelling the events of the Roman siege of Jerusalem in 70AD. But ultimately who is bringing this calamity and how is it tied into their blindness?

Palm Sunday speaks of the coming of the king, why is that so important for us as we reflect on the events of Easter?

Study 1: Triumphal Entry – The coming of the King.

Reading: Luke 19:11 - 44

In Luke the events of Easter week begin with the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, the goal of Luke 9:51 when Jesus sets his face toward Jerusalem. But the goal is not yet fully reached for as the week progresses the events seem to shift from Triumph to Tragedy as the crowd turns against Jesus encouraged by the High Priest and the Sanhedrin.

But through Tragedy will come Triumph as Jesus defeats death on the cross.

Read Luke 19:11 - 27:

The events of Luke 19 are clearly tied together by Luke. After the salvation of Zacchaeus in v1 -10 and Jesus' proclamation in v10 that the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost, Luke connects the Parable of the ten Minas by saying that while they were listening to what Jesus has just said he told them the Parable.

Significantly Luke adds that Jesus told this parable because he was near Jerusalem and that the people thought the kingdom of God was going to appear at once (v11).

What was Jesus correcting in the thoughts of the people by telling this parable?

Why do you think Jesus tells us the king was not wanted? How does this prepare us for what is about to happen in Jerusalem?

What still needs to happen?

Jesus says the king is made king but then returns home. He may have in mind the ascension, then the role of the disciples and finally his return at the final judgment.

Read Luke 19:28 - 44:

Again, Luke connects what went before, see v28 “After he said this, he went ahead, going up to Jerusalem.”

Why does Jesus send two of his disciples?

What does the repeated and fulfilled detail in v32 -4 tell us about Jesus?

What is the picture being painted of Jesus in the details of Jesus riding the colt? Read Zechariah 9:9. How are these events fulfilling Scripture?

What is the response of the crowd of disciples in v37? They explicitly welcome the king.

Why do the Pharisees want Jesus to rebuke the disciples? The imagery is clearly not lost on them, but how does their response reveal their blindness?

As Jesus comes down from the Mount of Olives and approaches the city of Jerusalem, why does he weep?