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A Better King | Luke 19:28-48 Sermon Discussion Leader Guide

Purpose of Discussion: To open your eyes to who Jesus really is and assess how you're living your life in light of his kingship.

Icebreaker: Share a story of a time you missed out on something that, in hindsight, you wish you would have done or acted on. What would you have done differently if you'd had more information or been able to see the opportunity more clearly?

Discussion

Read:

Luke 19:35-38

³⁵ They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

³⁷ When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

³⁸ "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"^[b]

"Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"

⁴⁰ "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

John 12:12-18

¹² The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. ¹³ They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting,

"Hosanna!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Blessed is the king of Israel!"

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¹⁴ Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written:

¹⁵ "Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion;
see, your king is coming,
seated on a donkey's colt."

¹⁶ At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him.

¹⁷ Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. ¹⁸ Many people, because they had heard that he had performed this sign, went out to meet him.

1. What sticks out to you about the atmosphere on Palm Sunday? What do you think it would have been like and felt like to be part of the crowd?
2. When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the people in the crowd identified him as the king who comes in the name of the Lord. And they cried, "Hosanna." This is a Hebrew expression that means "Save us!"

Why do you think the crowds were saying this to Jesus? What kind of salvation do you think they were looking to him for?

3. In the sermon, Kyle pointed out that the unbroken young donkey would have been difficult for most people to ride, but Jesus brought peace to the donkey despite its lack of training and the chaos of the surrounding crowd.

In what ways are we like an unbroken donkey?

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4. What's an example of an area of your life that you have struggled to entrust to King Jesus?

How did this go for you? Did your efforts at control make your life better or worse? Were you more or less anxious, happy, or fulfilled?

5. What's an example of an area of your life that you've given over to Jesus to rule as king?

How's is this going for you? Is surrendering control making your life better or worse? Are you more or less anxious, happy, or fulfilled?

Read:

[Luke 19:41-42](#)

⁴¹As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it ⁴²and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes.

6. Why does Jesus weep over Jerusalem?

Transition: As Kyle said, the glory of God returned to the Holy City, but the people there missed it. They missed it because they couldn't see Jesus for who he really was. Like those in Jerusalem, we can either follow Jesus and worship him as king or reject Jesus. But ignoring him isn't an option.

7. Why is it that *following* Jesus or *rejecting* Jesus are the only options?

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8. What is one part of your life that you need to surrender to King Jesus in order to follow him more fully? What do you think would change if you did so?

Sharing and Prayer:

After everyone in the group answers the last question, end your time together praying that God would help you surrender control in the areas you named.

Ask him to open your so you can see him as king and trust that following him is the true way to a life of flourishing.