



Today's Message: "One in the Crowd"
(Luke 19:28-40, 41-44, New Living Translation)

"After telling this story, Jesus went on toward Jerusalem, walking ahead of his disciples. As he came to the towns of Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he sent two disciples ahead. "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. If anyone asks, 'Why are you untying that colt?' just say, 'The Lord needs it.'" So they went and found the colt, just as Jesus had said. And sure enough, as they were untying it, the owners asked them, "Why are you untying that colt?" And the disciples simply replied, "The Lord needs it." So they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments over it for him to ride on. As he rode along, the crowds spread out their garments on the road ahead of him. 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. "Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the LORD! Peace in heaven, and glory in highest heaven!" But some of the Pharisees among the crowd said, "Teacher, rebuke your followers for saying things like that!" He replied, "If they kept quiet, the stones along the road would burst into cheers!" (Luke 19:28-40, NLT)

"But as he came closer to Jerusalem and saw the city ahead, he began to weep. "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. Before long your enemies will build ramparts against your walls and encircle you and close in on you from every side. 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." (Luke 19:41-44, NLT)

Observations:

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"When Jesus came by, he looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name. "Zacchaeus!" he said. "Quick, come down! I must be a guest in your home today." (Luke 19:5, NLT)

"Jesus responded, "Salvation has come to this home today, for this man has shown himself to be a true son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost." (Luke 19:9-10, NLT)

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“As he came to the towns of Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he sent two disciples ahead. “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.” (Luke 19:29–30, NLT)

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Discussion Questions:

1. How did God speak to you in today?
2. Do you see Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem differently? If so, in what way?
3. What are your thoughts about the grace of Jesus?
4. Do Christians share grace like this with others? Explain.
5. How has this kind of grace influenced your view of Jesus?
6. When you hear the word “humility,” what are your initial thoughts?
7. What do your thoughts about Jesus’ ideas of humility? (See Scriptures below)

“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Matthew 20:28, NLT)

“So the last will be first, and the first last.” (Matthew 20:16, ESV)

“For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves.” (Luke 22:27, ESV)

8. Why do you think Jesus wept over the city of Jerusalem? Do you think he knew the ones who cheered him would demand his crucifixion?
9. Is it possible to crucify Jesus today? Explain.
10. What are your thoughts about being “one in the crowd” versus a “disciple?” Is there really a difference?
11. Has God challenged you to go deeper into discipleship? Explain.