

Palm Sunday

Sermon: My Redeemer Draws Near

Scripture: Luke 19:28-44

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Luke 19:28-44 (ESV)

²⁸ And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹ When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples,

³⁰ saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here.

³¹ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’”

³² So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them.

³³ And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?”

³⁴ And they said, “The Lord has need of it.”

³⁵ And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it.

³⁶ And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road.

³⁷ As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen,

³⁸ saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

³⁹ And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.”

⁴⁰ He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

⁴¹ And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it,

⁴² saying, “Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.

⁴³ For the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up a barricade around you and surround you and hem you in on every side

⁴⁴ and tear you down to the ground, you and your children within you. And they will not leave one stone upon another in you, because you did not know the time of your visitation.”



"Jesus approved of and accepted the praise, but only to the extent to which one great truth was being proclaimed, namely that of his messiahship. But he was terribly displeased with the people's inexcusable misunderstanding of that messiahship. And he wept when he thought of the punishment in store for Jerusalem for the great sin of actually rejecting him." William Hendriksen, New Testament Commentary, Luke (p. 877)

"All this praise was wonderful. But by and large what Israel wanted was *its own kind of Messiah*, a Messiah of the earth, a political deliverer. And that was deplorable. No wonder Jesus was weeping. He saw very clearly how wicked these people were, and what would be the result."

- William Hendriksen, New Testament Commentary, Luke (p. 878)

"Jesus is King, but he is not the king the people expect, as he does not immediately destroy Israel's enemies and vindicate his people. Instead of coming into the city on a war horse, he comes on a colt as the King of peace. Many do not recognize him as their King because this fulfillment of prophecy is contrary to their expectations."

- Thomas Schreiner, ESV Expository Commentary, Luke (p. 1021)