

Small Group Questions

Week of Sunday, March 24th, 2024

Launch

When it comes to social gatherings, are you an “arrive early and acclimate to the scene” kinda person? OR are you an “arrive late and make an entrance,” sort? Are you something altogether different? (Stay home in my PJ’s is not an option for this question!)

READ Luke 19:11-27; 41-44

Observe

1. In the first passage, discuss the parable that Luke records prior to Jesus’ approach to Jerusalem. What was the thrust of the parable?
2. In verses 41-44, what causes Jesus to weep as He approaches the city?
3. What is the tone of these two; the parable and Jesus’s weeping prayer, taken together?

READ Luke 19:28-40

Process

1. Having read the parable told before this event and the lament of Jesus over Jerusalem that follows, why do you suppose Luke sandwiches the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem between these? What might he want to convey about Jesus’s mission, His passion?

2. Speculate as to whether Jesus arranged the events described in the procuring of the colt, or if it was a miracle of circumstances. Which scenario (Jesus arranging the colt, or it miraculously being available) do you think is more likely?
 - If Jesus arranged these events, what does it say about His mission, His intentions, His courage?
 - If these things happened supernaturally, how does it bolster Jesus claims of deity/ omniscience?
3. Compare Luke 19:38 with Matthew 21:9 and Mark 11:9. What are the similarities between the three? What are the differences? Why do you think Luke differs some in his presentation of Jesus's "triumphal entry?"

Respond

1. No matter the background, implied between verse 34 and 35, is the making available of the colt by its owners (Mark 11:6 provides their actual response). Put yourselves in their shoes; are there any things that you are hesitant to truly make available to the Lord's "needs?"
 - Perhaps finances, or leisure time, maybe the future lives of your children, your home or assets?
 - What about timing; are there things you're willing to give and surrender, but the timing might be more the struggle?
2. Jesus's statement in verse 40 ought to be an exhortation to us to speak His name and sing His praises out of an overflowing heart. Where do you struggle with this boldness to witness, to share His love, His Gospel?