

## Were You There When He Rode into Jerusalem?

↪ **Luke 19:28-48**, for our next four Sundays together, we are going to go over the events last week of Jesus' life. These writers of the Gospels who were eyewitnesses of the events of Holy Week, these used 1/3 of their writings to cover the events of just that one week.

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1. We are going to be stepping back in time almost 2000 years to 33 AD. According to eye witnesses, He stayed in the home of three friends: Lazarus (whom He'd raised from the dead on His last visit to Jerusalem), and his sisters Mary and Martha. He does this for 2 reasons:
  - 1) Jerusalem at Passover was High season; hundreds of thousands of Jews were packed in there from all over world for it.
  - 2) He stays with friends because of what was immediately ahead. Ironically, the donkey, who had never carried the weight of anyone, was carrying the Man who would soon bare on His body the full weight of all the sins of all mankind.
- ✓ A humble entry into Jerusalem turns into a first century version of a ticker tape parade. They welcome Him like they would have a conquering king: coats and branches from trees laid in the roar for his ride to walk on...like the red carpet of the ancient world.
2. If we'd had reporters with camera crews there, what would they have seen?
  - 1) They'd have seen who Jesus was and is: the predicted and long-awaited King. Jesus set the pace that day directing about the donkey to fulfill what Zechariah predicted: **Zechariah 9:9**.
    - ✓ But it wasn't just that prophecy He had fulfilled, any reporter worth his salt would have noted that Jesus had fulfilled not less than 456 Messianic prophecies of Old Testament. Jesus fit a very specific DNA and being a descendent from king David was only a small part of it. Jesus fit a very specific Prophetic DNA, **Micah 5:2, Zechariah 11:12-14; Psalms 22:17-18**.
  - 2) They would have seen what He was and they would have seen who He was.
    - ✓ He did a very odd thing as He rode into Jerusalem, very odd thing for King, He cried. He wasn't just shedding a tear or two—the Greek literally means to wail loudly. He says He's crying because they had missed the day that was predicted in Daniel 9 483 years before, and now their rejection of their Messiah was finalized. Judgment would fall on the Jews and city of the Jews in 37 years. Interesting and instructive because He wails, He doesn't smirk or gloat, He doesn't say I told you so, He breaks down bawling.

**He's the King, but He's the king that is moved by our problems**, even when our problems stem from our willful disobedience, **Isaiah 63:9**. God doesn't just know our sorrows, He tastes them.

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