



SERMON STUDY

GUIDE

Small Group Guide: Luke 19.28-40

Open with Prayer:

Sermon Summary:

In Luke 19.28-40, Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a donkey, fulfilling a prophecy spoken more than 500 years earlier in Zechariah 9.9. The donkey was not just a detail; it was a declaration that the King was coming in peace, not in judgment. Just as God orchestrated every detail of that moment, He is actively and intentionally at work in every detail of your life (Psalm 139.16). The crowd could not contain their praise, but the Pharisees, who knew the Scriptures better than anyone, missed the moment entirely. This sermon is an invitation to see the King clearly and crown Him with the praise He deserves.

Discussion Questions:

1. **Starting Simple:** Read Luke 19.28-40 together as a group. What details stand out to you that you may have overlooked before?
2. **Going Deeper:** Zechariah 9.9 was written over 500 years before the triumphal entry. What does the fulfillment of that prophecy tell you about how God works across time?
3. **The Donkey's Message:** Knowing that a donkey signaled peace while a horse signaled war, how does that change the way you understand what Jesus was communicating to the crowd? How does that impact the way you “advertise” Him to others?
4. **John 3.17 Connection:** Jesus came to save, not to condemn. How does that truth affect the way you approach Him, especially when you are carrying guilt or shame?
5. **The Pharisee Warning:** The Pharisees knew the Word but missed the moment. Can you think of a time when you were so locked into your expectations of God that you almost missed what He was actually doing?
6. **Heaven and Earth:** The crowd at the triumphal entry echoed the angels at the nativity (Luke 2.14, Luke 19.38). What does it mean to you that praise has followed Jesus from the very beginning?
7. **Personal Invitation:** The sermon closed with the challenge to let this time be different. What would it look like for you personally to welcome Jesus this week with fresh eyes instead of familiar routine?

Key Takeaways:

- You do not have to earn your way to God. He moves toward you.
- Jesus rides into your life with an invitation, not an indictment (John 3.17).
- You can be close to Scripture and still miss what God is doing right now.
- When you truly see who Jesus is, silence is not an option.

This Week:

This week, set aside ten minutes each day to read one of the prophecies Jesus fulfilled and the New Testament passage where it was fulfilled.

- Start with Zechariah 9.9 and Luke 19.35-38.
- As you read, write down one specific area of your life where you need to trust that the God who planned the triumphal entry down to the donkey is also planning your breakthrough.
- Bring what you wrote to your next group meeting and be ready to share.