

LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

Palm Sunday

These questions are for the **March 28, 2021** sermon, "The Triumphal Entry." Please read the sermon passage (Luke 19:28-44) together out loud.

Sermon Outline

AS WE TRACE CHRIST'S FORWARD MOVEMENT TO THE CROSS, NOTE . . .

1. The sovereign authority that Christ exhibits. (28-35)
 - a. He rules over believer and unbeliever alike.
 - b. He rules over the best circumstances and the worst (going to the cross).
 - i. Even leading to his own crucifixion, Christ is in complete control.
 - ii. He has sovereign knowledge of the unriden colt and the prophetic Scriptures.
 - c. Everyone at all times will always find everything exactly as Christ said it would be.
 - i. Therefore, you do not have to control anything.
 - ii. Because he is in control, you can admit and rest in this: you are not in control.
2. The divided responses that Christ elicits. (36-40)
 - a. The hope for peace with God resides fully and only in Jesus Christ.
 - i. It is not political (Jesus did not come to rule politically).
 - ii. Many religious leaders want us to stop saying that Jesus is our only peace.
 - b. Don't bring too much "first coming" to the Second Coming. (Peace with God is now!)
 - c. Don't bring too much "second coming" (political, physical) to the first.
3. The prophetic lament that Christ expresses. (41-44)
 - a. The Jewish people, practicing temple religion and Torah observance, reject Jesus.
 - i. Jesus loves them and weeps over them.
 - ii. He longs for them to receive the peace that he alone has brought.
 - b. Yet God will keep his promises, and people of every tribe will receive Jesus' peace.

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: God rules over the unbeliever. Their decisions, circumstances and the timing of if and when they will come to him. You don't. How does this truth change your mindset as you seek to present Christ to unbelievers? Even your kids? How can we pray?
2. Based on #1, above: All of us struggle with imperfect and bad things happening in this world. Yet Christ, completely sovereign, endured the worst of sins and suffering. Do you expect to suffer? How does Jesus' example and victory empower, encourage and sustain you? Do you truly believe that God will redeem all your suffering?
3. Based on #2, above: In what way do you bring too much first coming into the second (expecting moral perfection now)? In what way do you bring too much Second Coming into the first (expecting political godliness now)? In what way is "Jesus Christ is our peace with God" the answer to both of these imbalances?
4. Based on #3, above: Religious people who had the Law and Prophets rejected Jesus. How does this inform both humility and God-exalting obedience as we pursue Jesus Christ together?