

Luke 19:28-48

Welcome Jesus as King

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### Context

1] Jesus approaches Jerusalem and warns His disciples that He would be put to death there, but they do not understand. (18:31ff)  
2] Tells a parable because 'people expected the Kingdom of God to appear immediately' (19:11-27)  
- Nobleman going to a far-off country to receive a Kingdom – 10 servants, given one mina each - 'Engage in business'. Servants hated him – delegation to stop coronation. Returned. Judgement on basis of return for minas. Last servant - no return. 'Wicked'. His mina removed and given to obedient ones. Enemies who didn't want his reign – slaughtered before him.

???? How could Jesus liken himself to a king who says of his enemies 'kill them in front of me' (19:27) - and then weep over Jerusalem (19:41)????

### The situation (28, 29a)

1] When He had said these things (28a)

*I.e. going away, Kingdom not fulfilled yet, will return as King and judge those who do not want me as King*

2] He went on ahead

*Cf Mk 10:32) i.e. He was leading, not being swept along – He was rising to His calling.*

\*God leads the way in fulfilling His purposes\*

\*Follow wherever He leads – even to 'crucifixion'? \*

3] Near to Bethany and Bethphage (29)

a) Bethany = village 2 miles from Jerusalem

b) Bethphage? - other Gospels mention too (Mt 21:1; Mk 11:1)

*cf Emmaus (24:13) – no other indication of its existence*

*Bethphage – 'place of young figs' in Aramaic. Fig and vine planted together (13:6) – symbolising prosperity?*

### Jesus' transport (29b-35)

1] Two disciples – 'Go into the village in front of you' (29b,30a)

*Cf two = required by Law as witnesses see (Lev 17:6; Matt 18:20)*

*Cf 'as you enter...' of same procedure as preparation for last supper. (22:10)*

Obey Jesus, trusting in His wisdom and provision

2] You will find a colt that has never been ridden (30b)

*Nb colt = young horse or ass. Ass symbolises man of peace (cf Zechariah 9:9)*

*cf A virgin womb (1:34) An unused tomb (23:53)*

3] Untie it...if anyone asks why, say 'the Lord has need of it' (30c)

*? Jesus has need of it – but same word as 'The Lord'?! (38)*

God has authority over His creatures – an unbroken colt

4] Owners – 'why are you untying it' .... 'The Lord has need of it' (33,34)

The Lord owns all creation

5] Brought it to Jesus ... throwing their cloaks on it ... they set Jesus on it (35)

*Cf cloaks on the road of the coronation of Jehu (2 Kings 9:13)*

*Nb Jesus is passive? – they set Jesus ...!*

### His reception (36-40)

1] Spread their cloaks on the road. (36) (cf 35)

2] Down mount of Olives – whole crowd praising God for 'all mighty works' seen (37)

*Nb Miracles = sign of Kingdom (7:19-22) e.g. healing of blind beggar (18:35-43) conversion of Zaccheus(19:1-10)*

\*the Lord is worthy of praise - Join the inevitable chorus of God's praise\*

\*JESUS - Acknowledge Jesus as King, enjoy His peace\*

3] Saying (38)

a) 'Blessed is the King, who comes in the name of the Lord'. (38a)

*cf Blessed is the king (Psalm 118:26) Son of David (18:39)*

*i.e. Great is the Lord + worthy of praise (Psalms 18:3; 48:1; 96:4; 145:3)*

b) Peace in Heaven and Glory in the Highest (38b)

*cf peace on earth? (2:14)*

*nb They didn't understand - The 'coronation' occurred at the crucifixion of 'the King of the Jews'. It was in His death that peace was made between heaven and earth.*

4] Response? (39,40)

a) Pharisees – 'teacher, rebuke your disciples' (39)

*nb 'teacher' word implies function not status.*

\*Beware - Don't criticise what God is doing\*

b) Jesus – if they were silent the very stones would cry out (40)

*cf Creation's response to the Messiah (Isaiah 55:12; Romans 8:22)*

### His emotion (41-44)

1] As He drew near and saw the city – wept (41)

*Nb his goal -set his face to Jerusalem (9:51) no prophet can die outside of Jerusalem. (13:33)*

*Cf (Luke 13:34-35; Isaiah 22:4)*

JESUS has compassion for the lost = perfect justice & compassionate love

2] Would that you had known on this day, the things that make for peace. But now they are hidden from your eyes (42)

*Cf Peace in Heaven not on earth (38)*

3] For days are coming when (43,44a)

a) you will be besieged (43a)

b) the city destroyed – not one stone left on another (43b, 44a)

*cf Luke 21:6, 20 + Isaiah 29:3; Jeremiah 6:6; Ezekiel 4:2, 26:8;*

GRACE *The day did not come with immediate judgement – cf his enemies being killed in front of him (19:26)*

4] Reason? – you didn't know the time of your visitation (44b)

\*If you reject Jesus – watch out. Judgement comes\*

### **His arrival at the Temple (45-48)**

1] Entered the Temple and began to drive the sellers out (45)

*Cf the authority of Jesus (Mk1:28; 4:41) – even wind and waves obey Him (Lk 8:25)*

\*JESUS is resolute in judgement He is zealous for holiness.\*

2] It is written - 'My house shall be a house of prayer, but you have made it a den of robbers' (46)

*Cf in reply to the devil's temptation (Lk 4:8,10)*

*Nb the Authority of the Scriptures – 'the Word of God'.*

3] Daily teaching in the Temple - chief priests & scribes trying to destroy Him (47)

*Nb Existing plot to kill Jesus. (John 11:53, 57)*

\*Do not try and destroy Jesus – it is the most futile thing anyone can do! (See Chinese communist party!)\*

4] Unable to as people were hanging on His Words (48)

*Nb spoke with authority (Lk 4:32) People ready to stone 'unbelievers' (20:6)*

\*He is popular with 'the people' cf 'having favour with all the people' (Acts 2:47) \*

### **Conclusion**

1] Willing

a) to obey His instruction however strange?

b) to follow His lead – wherever He goes – even to the cross.

2] Welcome Jesus as King

*Nb whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple (14:27)*

*???* *The combination of God's perfect justice and compassionate love are displayed in Jesus.*

**Summary** *As He approaches Jerusalem, by His actions Jesus makes a deliberate and public claim to be Messiah. The reception is mixed; the crowd enthusiastically receive Him and praise God, the authorities plot to kill Him. Jesus foretells that judgement will follow on those who reject Him. He clears the Temple of hypocrites demonstrating that His Kingdom is spiritual.*

**MP** *Jesus presents Himself as Messiah inviting a response.*

**KV** *Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. (38a)*