

THE BIG IDEA: If Jesus is King, that changes everything!

The Story

Luke 19:28-44

A. Luke 19:28a

- a. “After He said these things...” Last week Paul taught through the **parable of the money usage**
 - i. The King will inspect what He’s asked us to *invest*.
 - ii. The mission of Jesus *shifts* us from making our lives *safe* to making them *count*.
 - iii. *A shift is about seeing things differently, not about seeing different things.*

B. Luke 19:28b-31a

- a. An only son, a donkey, and Mt. of Olives version 1 - [Genesis 22](#)
- b. [2 Chronicles 3:1](#) - Solomon built God’s Temple there
- c. An only son, a donkey, and Mt. of Olives version 2
- d. Jesus is “the lamb for the burnt offering” Abraham trusted God would provide
- e. God SPARED us because our LIVES couldn’t pay for our SINS, but our SINS could indeed be paid for by Jesus’ LIFE so God didn’t SPARE His Son!
- f. **God spared you and me and Isaac, but not His Son!**

C. Luke 19:31b-38

- a. Jesus is declaring He is the KING and the MESSIAH!
- b. The donkey points to [Zechariah 9:9-10](#) (see also [Matthew 21:4](#))
- c. Coats on the donkey/ground points to 2 Kings 9:13
- d. In the [Matthew 21](#), [Mark 11](#) and [John 12](#) accounts they’re calling Him “Hosanna” and “Son of David” and the “King of Israel,” all extremely Messianic phrases.
 - i. English: “Hosanna” → Greek: “Hosanna” → Hebrew: “הַשִּׁיבָנוּ יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ” (‘Hoshiya na’) literally “*HELP! SAVE ME!*”
 - ii. Only used ONCE in the OT: [Psalm 118:25](#)
- e. In ALL of the Gospel accounts the people shouted “Blessed is He (or the **KING**) who comes in the name of the The Lord!”

- i. This is [Psalm 118:26](#), the verse directly after we find “Hosanna!” → They’re proclaiming **Jesus** is the Blessed One who comes in the name of the Lord, sent to SAVE them!
- ii. Psalm 118:25 by itself is just begging for salvation. Paired with Psalm 118:26 it means salvation is here! That’s why the of Hosanna was given to Jesus because God had sent salvation!
- f. The crowd also shouted “Peace in Heaven and glory in the highest!”
 - i. Reminiscent of the Angels’ message at Jesus’ birth ([Luke 2:14](#))
 - ii. See also [Micah 5:1-5](#) (“this one will be our *peace*”)

D. Luke 19:39-44

- a. The Pharisees are angry: “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” (vs. 39)
 - i. “Teacher” i.e. “*You’re certainly NOT the Messiah.*”
 - ii. “Your disciples” i.e. “*These fools don’t speak for us, the religious leaders.*”
 - iii. “Rebuke” i.e. “*Tell them they’ve misunderstood you!*”
 - iv. Even the KIDS were shouting! (See [Matthew 21:16](#))
- b. Jesus responds: “Hey, if I silence the people, the rocks will start shouting Hosanna.”
 - i. Jesus is saying “Look guys, ALL of creation and EVERYTHING happening around me points like a neon sign to ME being Messiah.”
- c. Everyone is rejoicing! But Jesus is crying. Why?
 - i. **He knows** that just 200 years ago these folks’ great grandparents were throwing down palm branches celebrating a different “Messiah,” Simon Macabbeus, for rebelling against Rome militarily.
 - ii. **He knows** in a few short days **the same people shouting “Hosanna!” will be shouting “Barabbas!”** ([Luke 23:18-19](#))
 - iii. **He knows** He’s not *really* what they’re looking for, they just don’t know it yet. **Jesus came not to conquer Rome with a sword but death with a cross.**
 - iv. **He knows** (and prophesied) that Jerusalem will be destroyed.
 - 1. General Titus, son of Roman Emperor Vespasian, obliterated Jerusalem and Her people in AD 70, leaving nothing but a wall, in response to another Jewish rebellion. (The “Wailing Wall” you see people visiting today to write notes/prayers and stick in the cracks.)
 - v. He knows God has turned away from unbelieving Israel and towards seeking Gentiles (but not forever - [Romans 11](#)) and He knows how long and painful the journey back to faithfulness will be. ([Isaiah 30](#))

E. Jesus’ triumphal entry is complete. The King has arrived, but as you’ll see in the following chapters, He’s walking to His death, not some earthly throne.

The Shift

This passage demands a shift from us all. If Jesus is the Savior of the world we must respond one way or another. **“Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and, if true, of infinite importance. The one thing it cannot be is moderately important.” -C.S. Lewis**

In other words, if He’s not the King you’re wasting your time, but if He is the King, He’s worthy of ALL your time. If we’re honest, there’s really no room for a middle ground.

So I’d like to ask 4 shift-prompting questions, accompanied by 4 simple prayers to help us get there. But first, two VERY important things:

1. I’m not trying to **GUILT** you into anything. **God did not come to crush you with guilt. He came to destroy the guilt that was already crushing you. God is not a giver of guilt. He is a giver of grace.**
2. I’m simply calling you to **REFLECT**. If one or more of these questions resonates with you, prompting a shift in response to Jesus the King, act accordingly; push in and seek the Lord and intentionally work this thing out this week.

The Landing

1. **Will you STEAL the donkey? (Can you FIND the donkey?)**
 - a. Will you trust His call even when it sounds ridiculous?
 - b. Are you pursuing God so you can *even hear* Him clearly and be receptive to His voice? (**John 10:27, Psalm 63:8, Psalm 95, Mark 8:18**)
 - c. **“God give me ears to hear your voice and the faith to obey!”**
2. **Will you RIDE the donkey?**
 - a. Jesus bucked the expectations of society and religion.
 - i. **Are you a slave to popular opinion or a servant of the Kingdom?**
 - b. Will you worry less about man’s opinion and more about God’s? (**Acts 5:29, Romans 12:1-2, 1 Corinthians 4:3-4, 2 Timothy 1:7**)
 - c. **“God give me eyes to see your Kingdom and the confidence”**
3. **Will you speak UP?**
 - a. Vs 37: the WHOLE crowd of disciples, NOT just the women and children
 - b. Have you consciously (or subconsciously) stripped emotion from your faith?
 - i. **Stripping emotion out of the Gospel is like stripping flavor out of food.**
 - c. Does your life reflect the hope, peace and joy you claim comes from following Jesus and being near God? (**Luke 11:33-34, Psalm 42:1-2, Galatians 5:22-23**)
 - d. **Does YOUR presence demonstrate you live in HIS presence?**
 - e. **“God let me be filled with passion and overflowing with joy!”**

4. Will you stick it OUT?

- a. The people shouted “Hosanna!” until they realized Jesus was there to deliver them from evil, NOT from Rome.
- b. People have ALWAYS shouted “Jesus!” until...
 - i. Things get hard ([Luke 22:54-62](#))
 - ii. Things get better ([Matthew 16:26](#), [James 5:5](#))
 - iii. He doesn't do what makes us happy ([Proverbs 3:5-6](#))
 - iv. He asks too much of us ([Luke 18:22-23](#), [Matthew 16:24-26](#))
- c. *“YOUR Kingdom come, YOUR will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.”*

5. Will you GET STARTED?

- a. Maybe for you it's about choosing to follow Jesus.
- b. If He is King, the Savior of the world, the Son of God and you can have your sins forgiven, be reconciled to God and inherit eternal life through believing in and following Him and you're saying COUNT ME IN! Let's talk about it!