



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Luke 19:28-44 (NAS)

Topic: "How Do You Follow Jesus?"

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28 After He had said these things, He was going on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.
29 When He approached Bethphage and Bethany, near the mount that is called Olivet, He sent two of the disciples,
30 saying, "Go into the village ahead of you; there, as you enter, you will find a colt tied on which no one yet has ever sat; untie it and bring it here.
31 "If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say, 'The Lord has need of it.'"
32 So those who were sent went away and found it just as He had told them.
33 As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?"
34 They said, "The Lord has need of it."
35 They brought it to Jesus, and they threw their coats on the colt and put Jesus on it.
36 As He was going, they were spreading their coats on the road.
37 As soon as He was approaching, near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the miracles which they had seen,
38 shouting: "BLESSED IS THE KING WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD; Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"
39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples."
40 But Jesus answered, "I tell you, if these become silent, the stones will cry out!"
41 When He approached Jerusalem, He saw the city and wept over it,
42 saying, "If you had known in this day, even you, the things which make for peace! But now they have been hidden from your eyes.
43 "For the days will come upon you when your enemies will throw up a barricade against you, and surround you and hem you in on every side,
44 and they will level you to the ground and your children within you, and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not recognize the time of your visitation."

I. SOME FALL AWAY

- A. They Have Subjective, Pragmatic Reasons To Follow
- B. We Need Objective, Absolute Reasons To Follow
- C. God Does Not Exist For Our Happiness Or Our Glory

II. WHAT DIVERSITY OF THINKING EXISTED AS JESUS APPROACHED JERUSALEM?

- A. Jesus Knew He Was Coming To Acknowledge His Kingship
- B. His Disciples Had Errant Views Of What That Meant
- C. Others Had False Political Aspirations For Christ

- D. The Pharisees Stood In Jealous Opposition To Him

III. SUBJECTIVE PRAGMATIC VIEW PROMOTES A FICKLE RESPONSE

- A. One Betrayed Him
- B. One Denied Him
- C. Some Deserted Him
- D. Others Called For His Death

IV. OUR FAITH MUST BE OBJECTIVE

- A. It Must Be Faith In The Lord Of The Universe
 - 1. He knew of the coming events. *Acts 4:27, 28*
 - 2. He had come for this purpose. *John 10:17, 18*
 - 3. He knew the response of the donkey owner.
 - 4. He had control over the donkey. *John 1:3*

- B. It Must Be Faith In The One Who Fulfills Prophecy
- C. It Must Be Faith In The Lord Of Judgment *Zechariah 9:9*
 - 1. He had compassion for the people.
 - 2. He predicted the fall of Jerusalem.

- D. It Must Be Faith In The Lord Of Peace

CONCLUSION: WHERE DO YOU STAND IN YOUR FAITH?