



**Series:** Palm Sunday  
**Passage** Luke 19:28-44  
**Title** Messiah – Crown or Kill?  
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## Discussion Starter

How can we know if we have crowned Jesus as our King? What will our lives look like if we use this Palm Sunday sermon as a reference point?

## Triumphal Entry (Luke 19:28-40)

- As Jesus was traveling from Jericho to Jerusalem, He decided to go ahead of the disciples for a while. Why do you think He created some distance between He and His disciples, and what do you think was on His mind? What can we learn from His example?
- What do we know about the town of Bethany and Bethpage as it relates to Jesus' ministry at this time period?
- What is the importance of Luke mentioning that they were approaching the Mount of Olives? Read Acts 1:11-12 and Zechariah 14:4. What additional insights do we gain from reading these verses?
- Describe what you see happening as Jesus sends the two disciples to go into the opposite city and bring back the colt of a donkey. How does this intentional instruction portray how Jesus viewed His own identity? Read Zechariah 9:9 and John 3:17. What does these verses show about Jesus, His identity and purpose?
- What does it mean as a Christian to have our identity in Christ? What are some of the things that can take us away from our identity in Christ if we are not careful?
- We see that Jesus gave the disciples clear instructions on what they should do, but it was probably very hard for them to think that it would all just work out. What are some examples in your own life that you have found God's simple instructions difficult to follow and why?
- What was the cultural significance of Jesus coming in, riding on a donkey?
- Describe what takes place after the disciples bring Jesus the colt and as Jesus descends down the Mount of Olives. Who is there and what is going on? Read Matthew 21:9 and Psalm 118:26-27. What do these verses reveal about the people who were receiving Jesus as He descended down the mountain?
- Who are the ones that are in opposition to the praising of Jesus by the people and why? How does Jesus respond to them? What lesson does this teach us as Christians on what we should expect when we give praise to the name of Jesus? Read Isaiah 55:12. What does this tell us about the importance of praising Jesus?

## Jesus Weeps over Jerusalem (Luke 19:41-44)

- Explain in your own words why Jesus weeps over Jerusalem?