

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION (Luke 19:28-44)

1. We see in this passage that the people recognized Jesus was the promised Messiah and multitudes came out to praise Him and exalt Him as their King while He entered Jerusalem. We will also find, by the end of this week, that their cries change from praises to curses because their expectations of what the Messiah would do were NOT Biblically but culturally based.

What are some ways that we could potentially be at risk to reject the real Jesus in favor of the idol of the "Jesus" we create?
What steps can we take to safeguard ourselves from this line of thinking?

2. Look at the description of the events in Luke 19:37-38 and compare those to what's recorded in Luke 2.

What are the similarities and differences?

Who is speaking? What is being said? What is the occasion?

Is there any significance that one of these is at the beginning of Jesus' earthly life, and the other is toward the end?

3. As we see the responses of the disciples and those who own the colt, what can we learn from them?

How do we respond to the commands of our Lord?

What can we learn from the example of our Lord throughout His life too (consider 1 Samuel 15:22 & Mark 10:45)?

Look at Jesus' words in John 14:15.

Based upon this, what correlation is there between love and obedience?

As you look at your life, do you believe your obedience is on par with the love you claim to have for Jesus?

**Side note - none of us perfectly obey the Lord in our lives - this question isn't designed to condemn you (there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus - Rom. 8:1) but to cause reflection and encourage all of us to walk by the Spirit and grow in our dependence upon Jesus in our lives! Remember, His mercies are new every day and He gives us grace on top of grace. So in light of his goodness to us, let us STRIVE with all that we are to love Him more and demonstrate it by our obedience to Him!

4. Luke 19:41-44 show how Jesus weeps over the future that awaits the people because they've not known Him.

What can we learn about the compassion and love of our Lord from this?

What does this reveal about the nature of Jesus (hypostatic union = fully God & fully man)?

What does this reveal about US, and the nature of our salvation?

Take some time to pray for those in your life who you know have not placed their faith in Jesus...pray for them by name, and ask for the Lord to use you to share about Him and open their hearts to His truth and love for them, demonstrated by Jesus' sacrifice. Maybe consider inviting them to join you for Easter this Sunday!

5. Below are the "So What?" thoughts from the sermon. Take some time to go before the Lord with this question and reflect upon the statements that follow this week. Which of the below options is more evident in your life?

Am I forming Jesus after my likeness, or am I being formed into His likeness?

(Basically - do I worship the true Jesus and try to conform my life to Him, or do I worship a Jesus that I've made to suit my life?)

1. I praise Him regardless of the circumstance. OR I praise Him when He does what I want.
2. I sacrificially serve & obey Him when He calls. OR I will serve Him when it works for me.
3. I grieve because people die apart from Christ. OR I'm mostly unaffected by this reality.