

Road to the Resurrection

Triumphal Entry

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1. Palm Sunday celebration

- They cheer for Jesus to save them
- They have big expectations
- God's plans are different from theirs

²⁸ After telling this story, Jesus went on toward Jerusalem, walking ahead of his disciples. ²⁹ As he came to the towns of Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he sent two disciples ahead. ³⁰ "Go into that village over there," he told them. "As you enter it, you will see a young donkey tied there that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks, 'Why are you untying that colt?' just say, 'The Lord needs it...'" ³⁶ As he rode along, the crowds spread out their garments on the road ahead of him. ³⁷ When he reached the place where the road started down the Mount of Olives, all of his followers began to shout and sing as they walked along, praising God for all the wonderful miracles they had seen. ³⁸ "Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the LORD! Peace in heaven, and glory in highest heaven!"
Luke 19:28-31, 36-38 NLT

2. Disappointed, the crowds turned on Jesus

¹ The crowd was listening to everything Jesus said. And because he was nearing Jerusalem, he told them a story to correct the impression that the Kingdom of God would begin right away.
Luke 19:11 NLT

3. God's plan for salvation

- World peace... in God's timing
- Spiritual peace and salvation by faith

⁴¹ But as he came closer to Jerusalem and saw the city ahead, he began to weep. ⁴² "How I wish today that you of all people would understand the way to peace. But now it is too late, and peace is hidden from your eyes."
Luke 19:41-42 NLT

Next Steps:

- I will follow Jesus as his disciple and let go of my expectations of who I think God should be:

- I will seek to know God more through prayer and Bible study
- I will worship God and serve him as the one who saved me by faith
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