

Palm Sunday

Wednesday, April 1

Looking toward Sunday, April 5

Scripture: Luke 19:28-40

²⁸ After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying,

"Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!"

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰ He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

Questions:

1. What word/phrase stands out to you in this passage?
 - a. How does that word/phrase connect with your Lenten journey?
 - b. How does that word/phrase connect with your life?
2. Many in the crowd were laying their cloaks on the road signifying their recognition of Jesus as King. As we approach Palm Sunday, Jesus desires to enter into your life, as well, as your Lord and King.
 - a. What are you being called to lay down on the road as Jesus enters, signifying your desire for Jesus to be your King and your Lord?
 - b. What does it mean *to you* for Jesus to be your King and your Lord?
3. Imagine yourself in the crowd as Jesus enters the city. People are pressed up against each other and it's hard to get a glimpse of what's happening. But through the confusion, Jesus turns and looks at you.
 - a. What does he see as he looks upon you?
 - b. In that moment, what do you cry out and shout?

4. The Pharisees in the crowd were desperately trying to run “crowd control.” They wanted Jesus’ disciples to stop what they were doing, stop shouting out, and stop making a scene.
 - a. Do you have people, pressures, expectations, or fears that keep you quiet and reserved?
 - b. What would it be like for you to shout out, uninhibited?
5. What in this passage reflects your journey with Jesus? What in this passage reflects specifically your *Lenten* journey this year?

My prayer to Jesus this week is...

Return to the word/phrase that stood out to you as you began engaging with the text.

Turn that word/phrase into your own prayer to Jesus.

Prayer of the Week

Lord Jesus, save us, we cry! Look upon us in your love, and deliver us from all that binds. Come to reign in our hearts as our King of Glory, and open our mouths to shout out your praise. By your Spirit, lead us through this Holy Week. Direct our gaze upon you, Jesus, as we walk with you from Jerusalem to the hill of Calvary. We pray this in the name of Jesus, our Savior and our Lord. Amen.