

God Our Great Deliverer

[Luke 19:28-44](#)

"The King and His Offer for Peace"— March 24, 2024



Introduction

Have you ever been looking for something but just couldn't find it? You thought it was in one type of packaging, but it is in something completely different, and you missed it. Most Jews missed Jesus for the same reason. They thought that the Messiah would be a mighty warrior who would free them from the rule of the Romans. They weren't looking for a lowly, suffering Savior.

Today, most people miss Jesus as well. He isn't what they expect Him to be. They want a savior who will grant their wishes or someone who will solve all their problems. To joyously welcome Jesus as our King, we need to understand properly who He is.

Sermon Outline

1. Preparations for King Jesus fulfills the scripture. Vs. 28-36
2. The coronation of King Jesus brings peace to those who believe the Gospel. Vs. 37-40
3. Condemnation awaits those who do not believe the message of Jesus. Vs. 41-48

Read & Discuss

1. Read vs. 28-36

This portion of Jesus' life is told in all four gospels and points to the significance of Jesus' fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies. ([Zechariah 9:9](#))

Jesus is righteous, and salvation belongs to Him! This is the very nature of God. ([1 Peter 2:22](#); [Acts 4:12](#)) Jesus is humble, unlike most kings. Jesus is in control. The donkey hadn't been broken yet, but that wasn't a problem for Jesus. He is sovereign over all creation. ([Colossians 1:16](#)) He was in control over every situation and every part of Holy Week. Jesus is Lord! Nothing takes Him by surprise.

There is a problem, and it is our sin. We don't look at it that way, but it is a problem. It is our default condition when we are in difficult situations. Do you shut down in difficult situations? Do you trust God and rely on His word? When things get hard, what happens in your heart? What happens in your relationships? How will you respond? Are you following Jesus? Are you trusting Him? Are you believing Him? Your faith is called to be a testimony to an unbelieving world.

The grace and mercy of God is evident in scripture. ([Luke 18:9-14](#); [35-43](#)) The tax collector and the blind beggar were recipients of God's mercy and grace because of their faith. The Pharisee was relying on works. What are you relying on? Put works aside and believe in Jesus alone!

2. Read vs. 37-40

This is the only time that Jesus allowed the crowd to praise Him publicly. The crowd thought that Jesus was coming to rid them from Roman rule and establish His kingdom. But that was not the plan. The religious leaders wanted to wait until after the Passover to get rid of Jesus, but this caused the religious leaders to act now. God's plan was that Jesus was to be the Passover Lamb.

Peace would be for those who believed the gospel. The world doesn't understand. It shouldn't be a surprise that not everyone rejoiced when Jesus came into Jerusalem. Jesus' response to the rebuke from the Pharisees was that if these were silent the stones would cry out. How could stones praise the Messiah? With God, all things are possible. Jesus calmed the storm and raised the dead. ([Mark 4:39](#), [John 11](#)) Jesus gives life. He is making "living stones" to live, serve and praise Him. ([1 Peter 2](#))

3. Read vs. 41-44

Jesus wept over the city of Jerusalem. His prophecy regarding the temple in vs. 43-44 was fulfilled in 70 AD. The Jews didn't know the day of their visitation. ([John 1:11](#)) Jesus didn't come in the right packaging which

led to their unbelief and condemnation. Belief in self-righteousness will leave you out of the kingdom.

For those of us who believe, we are to go and proclaim the gospel to all nations. ([Matthew 28:18-20](#))
We need lasting peace. It is only from Jesus the Messiah. Do you recognize Jesus? He is calling. Will you trust Him?

Prayer of Response

1) After hearing God's Word, what sin do I need to *confess*? From what do I need to *repent*?

2) How should my life be lived this week based on what I have heard? What should I *understand*, *believe*, *desire*, or *do*?

Spend time praying together in response to God's word asking for His help and greater faith to follow Him in the week to come. If you missed the sermon on Sunday or would like to listen again, visit our website at fbcum.org

Next week's sermon text: we turn to Luke 24:1-12 "He Has Risen Indeed"
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