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Luke Sermon Series
Supports Session 4: Worshiped?
Sermon Title: "An Entrance To Remember"
Passage: Luke 19:28-46

Connection to Luke 19

In chapter 19 Jesus was moving toward Jerusalem and the cross. In verse 28, we discover Jesus' formal entrance into Jerusalem and the heightened tension that existed between Him and the religious authorities of Israel. His entrance also revealed who He really was.

Introduction/Opening

John Corcoran highlights the importance of making a positive first impression when we enter a room, and provided five helpful tips to ensure that people notice us and get the right first impression. Corcoran suggested when we enter a room:

1. Have a firm sense of purpose
2. Be on your game from the moment you arrive
3. Enter with a smile
4. Straighten your posture as you enter
5. Gesticulate as you speakⁱ

Jesus didn't have five helpful tips for entering Jerusalem with style on Palm Sunday, but He did make an impression. And how He entered the city revealed something about Him.

Outline

1. Jesus' entrance revealed His messianic position (vv. 28-39).
 - a. The details of Jesus' entry weren't coincidental or accidental. They were prophetically intentional. They pointed to Jesus being the King, God's Messiah.
 1. Zechariah 14:4 indicates that the Messiah would enter Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, the very place from which Jesus began His entrance.
 2. Numbers 19:2, Deuteronomy 21:3, and 1 Samuel 6:7 teach that an unbroken animal was intended for sacred purposes, while Jesus in Luke 19:30 said to His disciples, "Go into the village ahead of you. As you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it."
 3. Verses 36-38 stated that as Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey, people placed their robes along the road and welcomed the "the King who comes in the name of the Lord," just as Zechariah 9:9 prophesied.

- b. Everything about Jesus' entry highlighted that He was fulfilling prophecy and He was God's promised Messiah. Even the angry rebuke of the Pharisees in verse 39 highlights that everyone witnessing Jesus' entry understood the significance in terms of the Messianic King God had promised to Abraham and David. He was God's King who came to bring true peace.
 - c. Sadly, even though Jesus was recognized as God's Messiah, most did not receive Him as such as testified by their actions one week later at His crucifixion.
2. Jesus' entrance revealed His compassionate heart (vv. 41-44).
- a. With all the fanfare, Jesus' entry should have been a high moment for Him, but instead He wept. His weeping was no mere trickle of tears. The Greek word behind "wept" emphasizes the audible and bitter crying associated with intense sorrow.
 - b. Jesus wept because He knew of the impending judgment Jerusalem and its inhabitants faced because of their rejection of Him. The judgment would be harsh, thorough, and certain. What He prophesied in verses 43 and 44 came to pass in less than forty years when Emperor Titus surrounded the city and ultimately destroyed it.
 - c. Even though His own people had rejected Him, Jesus found no pleasure in their ultimate judgment. With a heart of compassion, He wept because He does not want "any to perish but all to come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9).
3. Jesus' entrance revealed His global purpose (vv. 45-46).
- a. Most Jews in Jesus' day were myopic. They believed Israel to be God's chosen people and His love was for them alone. Jesus' entrance revealed God's true heart was for all people.
 - b. Jesus went into the temple complex and began expelling the merchants. He wasn't upset that sellers were selling, but rather with where they were selling. The tables had cluttered the one place where Gentiles could gather to worship, thus preventing the temple from being the house of prayer the Lord desired.
 - c. Jesus quoted Isaiah 56:7, a passage that emphasized God's purpose has always been global; His "house will be called a house of prayer for all nations."

Conclusion

When Jesus entered Jerusalem 2000 years ago, He didn't win the city or the crowd. They ultimately rejected Him and nailed Him to a cross. Today, through this message, Jesus has entered your life, and you know everything you need to know about Him. Will you accept Him today? Will He win your heart?

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ⁱ John Corcoran, "How to Enter a Room Like a Boss," May 13, 2014, <https://www.artofmanliness.com/articles/how-to-enter-a-room-like-a-boss>.