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LUKE: Cost of Discipleship

Luke 19:28-44

In our final portion of the Gospel of Luke, we enter the climactic week in the life of Jesus. We'll slow way down and dive into some CORE moments for Christ followers, including the triumphal entry into Jerusalem and Jesus' death, burial and resurrection. We'll also learn why we can be certain that the Gospel is true and it's the only way that leads to eternal life.

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The Big Idea

(What is the author's point?)

Jesus is the center of God's plan. What you do with who He has revealed Himself to be is the most important decision of your life.

Why It Matters

(Why is this relevant to us?)

God's heart is to rescue and restore. So why do we so often feel like He is absent from our pain and struggles? Why does there seem to be a gap between God's promises of rescue, saving and restoration, and our human experiences of feeling distant from Him? This passage is a reminder that often, God shows up in our lives in unexpected ways and we simply do not recognize it. He shows up in ways beyond our hopes, dreams or imagination.

Good to Know

(What are some helpful insights into this passage?)

Verse 28-30: Here we see Jesus dictating the events of history to lead to His own death. We have His recorded words, "No one takes my life from me, I lay it down on my accord" (John 10:18). Jesus knows exactly what this regal entrance into Jerusalem was leading to.

Verse 31: It would not have been uncommon for a person of dignity and repute to request personal property for their own use. This was a semi-common thing for Rabbis to do, so while it feels odd to us, the disciples and the owner of the donkey would not have been caught off guard by this.

Verses 35-36: This feels like a red-carpet entrance. The image of Jesus proceeding into the city is both a fulfillment of Zechariah 9:9 and replication of Solomon's procession to Gihon in 1 Kings 1. The

difference, however, is that Jesus's entrance is not a display of earthly power, but one of gentleness and humility.

Verses 38-39: The declaration of Jesus as King was a threat to Rome and blasphemy to the Pharisees. The unwillingness to receive Jesus as King is a reflection of their hearts and sealing of their fate.

Verse 41: This is such an important verse. Jesus, about to go to the cross for the very people who will reject Him, weeps over them. Could He not have just saved them? When we grapple with massive questions like "why does God allow evil?" and "why does God not stop this or that," I think this verse can give us deep insight into the way in which God has chosen to bring rescue to this world. God has provided a means to be restored to wholeness, but He will never manipulate or force anyone to accept it. This means that people will reject God's provision and evil will wreak havoc and the consequences will be felt. Jesus 'sees' the city and is moved with compassion, knowing that many will reject His offer of reconciliation. This both reveals His heart for us while also reminding us of the responsibility we each carry to choose Jesus.

Verses 42-44: The urgency of these verses must be felt. Jesus follows the pattern of prophets of old declaring judgment for the unfaithfulness of Israel and ends with this chilling indictment—"because you did not recognize the time when God visited you."



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Group Guide

Following the series with your group?

- Start with some [icebreaker questions](#).
- Read the passage together before you dive in.
- Share any insights from the message. Use the questions below to get your conversation started.

Conversation Starters

1. What were the people expecting as they waited for the coming King? How did Jesus differ from their expectations?
2. Read verses 35-37 again. Do we welcome Jesus into our hearts, into our daily tasks with the same joy?
3. How does Jesus weeping over Jerusalem give us hope and comfort?
4. What are you currently waiting on and expecting from God?

Prayer

King Jesus, help us follow you as our One True King. Help us to remember that you are the one who brings us peace, you have opened our eyes, help us bring our expectations to you. Amen.

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