

# Sermon Discussion Guide- Week of April 5, 2020

## A Rock Star Entrance- Luke 19:28-42

Pastor Temple combined online service 10:30am

### Getting Started- Life Updates, Prayer Requests & Opening Question (15 min)

- Anything to share about personal events since you last met or about applying last week's message on *The Lost and the Least*, Luke 18:35-19:10?
- Are there any joys or concerns that you would like to share with the group for the closing prayer time or for group members to hold in prayer during the week? (please note them below for later)

Opener Question: How would you show an extravagant welcome to someone whom you are a huge fan of?

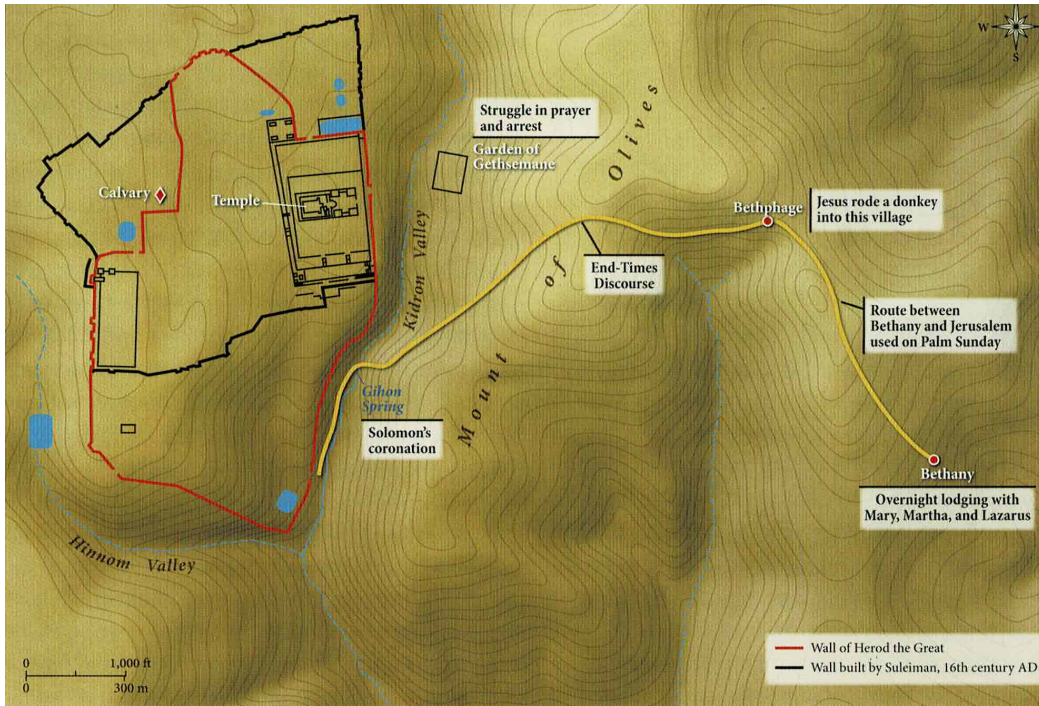
### Review the Sermon (15 min)

Please read aloud the sermon scripture, Luke 19:28-42. Know that it is ok to skip some questions below in order to manage the time for discussions in each section.

<sup>28</sup> After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup> As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, <sup>30</sup> "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Lord needs it.'" <sup>32</sup> Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" <sup>34</sup> They replied, "The Lord needs it." <sup>35</sup> They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

<sup>37</sup> When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: <sup>38</sup> "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" <sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" <sup>40</sup> "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out." <sup>41</sup> As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it <sup>42</sup> and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes."

- If you had to give a one-minute summary of the sermon message this week, what would you say?
- In our current series "The Road To Jerusalem," today on Palm Sunday, Jesus finally arrives there. See Christ Church "the Jerusalem Road Passport" for more information about all the stops along the way and this one as well ([https://www.christchurchsl.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/jerusalem\\_passport\\_fin\\_lent2020.pdf](https://www.christchurchsl.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/jerusalem_passport_fin_lent2020.pdf)). There have been many interruptions and obstacles to overcome along the way in Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. When the time finally came, Jesus in the power of the Spirit, arranged for a very particular entrance (see verses 28-35).
- Why do you think Jesus was so particular about entering Jerusalem from the east riding on a donkey to the Gihon Springs? \*would a volunteer read aloud Zephaniah 9:9 and 1 Kings 1:38-40



- Do you think the disciples were aware of Jesus plans when he sent them on the errand to return with someone else’s donkey? How was faith required of them in this task?
- How was faith required from the owner of the donkey?
- Cloaks, or “himation”, were valued possessions with multiple practical purposes and were specifically protected by laws against their theft. How are we to understand the gestures of the disciples giving up their cloaks for Jesus to sit on on the donkey and the crowds laying down their cloaks on the road before Jesus?
  - \*would a volunteer read aloud 1 kings 9:11-13
- How would you describe the mood of the crowd in verses 37-38?
- How is it that just a short time later in the week the crowd, as Pastor Temple said, “turned on [Jesus] with a vengeance?” What was it that caused the fickle fans to flip?
- What was it that caused Jesus to weep in verses 41-42?

**Personalizing and Applying The Message (10 min)**

- As you reflect upon the sermon and the scripture readings above, what are points of encouragement or challenge for you personally?
- To what degree are we willing to go on apparent “fool’s errands” for God?
- When presented with various giving opportunities (like the giving of a donkey), how are we to discern what God would have us do?
- What are some of the key factors that play into flipping on some of our commitments?
- How can we be less of a Jesus fan and more of a Jesus follower this week?
- How are you planning to draw closer to Christ during this Holy Week? FYI- Thursday and Friday livestream services are both at 7pm and Easter Sunday services are at 7am (prerecorded) and 10:30am

**Witness & Closing Prayer (5-10 min)**

- One way to invite someone to join us in worship at Christ Church in this online only time, is by texting, emailing or posting the url- [www.christchurchsl.org/livestream](http://www.christchurchsl.org/livestream). Who is someone you might invite this week?
- A volunteer may lead the group in prayer about the concerns shared earlier in the meeting