

Luke 19:28-38 Discussion Questions

- What stands out to you about how Jesus enters Jerusalem in this passage?
 - Why do you think Jesus chose a donkey instead of something more impressive?
 - What do the crowd's actions reveal about what they believed about Jesus?
- Why do you think people were so quick to celebrate Jesus as King?
 - What were they hoping Jesus would do for them? How is that similar to what people want from God today?
- Ben said we all have an instinct to “crown something.” Where do you see that in your own life?
 - What do you tend to look to for security, identity, or hope?
 - How can good things (family, success, relationships) subtly become “kings”?
- Why do the Pharisees want Jesus to rebuke the crowd?
 - What does their reaction reveal about their understanding of Jesus?
 - How can religious people still completely miss who Jesus is?
- Why does Jesus weep over Jerusalem?
 - What does this show about Jesus' heart toward people who misunderstand or reject Him?
 - How does His reaction shape how we see friends or family members who crown Jesus for the “wrong reasons”?
- How can someone praise Jesus but still not truly know Him?
 - What might that look like in a church context today? Have you ever seen or experienced this tension personally?
- When life gets hard, what do you instinctively look to for relief or rescue?
 - How do you know when something has become your “functional savior”?

- How is Jesus different from every other “king” we might follow?
 - What makes His kingship unique?
 - Why does the cross redefine what it means for Jesus to be King?
- Are you following Jesus for who He truly is—or for what you want Him to give you?
 - What would it look like to trust Him even if your circumstances don’t change?
 - How does Palm Sunday challenge your expectations of God?