

For the Week Beginning March 22, 2026

“When the King Came to Jerusalem”

✦ Luke 19:28-48

²⁸After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, ³⁰“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. ³¹If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ tell him, ‘The Lord needs it.’ ”

³²Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?”

³⁴They replied, “The Lord needs it.”

³⁵They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. ³⁶As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

³⁷When 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:

³⁸“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!”
“Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”

⁴⁰“I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

⁴¹As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it ⁴²and said, “If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. ⁴³The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side.

⁴⁴They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God’s coming to you.”

⁴⁵Then he entered the temple area and began driving out those who were selling. ⁴⁶“It is written,” he said to them, “ ‘My house will be a house of prayer’; but you have made it ‘a den of robbers.’ ”

⁴⁷Every day he was teaching at the temple. But the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the leaders among the people were trying to kill him. ⁴⁸Yet they could not find any way to do it, because all the people hung on his words.

Write down 5 significant observations. Raise 2 significant questions and try to answer them.

Observations	Interpretation (Questions)	Applications

✦ Opening Question:

- What kind of leader do people usually admire most today—powerful, successful, humble, or compassionate? Why?

✦ The Living Word: Please read our text for this week.

- Highlight words or phrases that stand out to you.
- Please narrate using your own words.

A. The Triumphal Entry (19:28–40)

1. Why do you think Jesus deliberately enters Jerusalem riding on a donkey rather than a horse? (See Zechariah 9:9)

2. The crowd shouts, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!” What does this reveal about what they believed about Jesus?

3. Why do you think the Pharisees wanted Jesus to rebuke the crowd? What does Jesus mean when He says “the stones will cry out”?

4. What does our passage reveal about the kind of King Jesus is?

B. Jesus Weeping over Jerusalem (19:41–44)

5. Why do you think Jesus wept over the city?

What does this moment reveal about the heart of Jesus toward people who reject Him?

6. What does Jesus say regarding the spiritual blindness of the people? Why do people sometimes miss what God is doing in their lives?

C. Jesus Cleansing the Temple (19:45–48)

7. What does Jesus do when He enters the temple courts?

Why do you think Jesus reacted so strongly in the temple?

8. What accusation does Jesus make about what the temple had become? Jesus says the temple should be a house of prayer. Why is prayer central to true worship?

In what ways can religious activity become routine or commercialized rather than sincere worship?

9. How do the religious leaders respond to Him?

✦ Living the Word/Application:

- Is there anything in your life that needs cleansing or realignment with God?