

Steve Greenberg's Handout

Week 40 May 17, 2026: Luke 19:28-48: Jesus Triumphal Entry Into Jerusalem

Luke 19:28-40 The Triumphal Entry (Mat 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; John 12:12-19)

Luk 19:28 When He(Jesus) had said this (these previous saying & teachings), He(Jesus) went on ahead (of them), going up to Jerusalem (His mission was to lay down his life, which He previous explained to His disciples in His sayings).

Previous Saying: Jesus Predicts His Death and Resurrection, the Third Time

Luk 18:31 Then He(Jesus) took the twelve aside and said to them, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of Man will be accomplished.

Luk 18:32 "For He will be delivered to the Gentiles and will be mocked and insulted and spit upon.

Luk 18:33 "They will scourge Him and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again."

Gospel of Mark tells us

Mar 10:32 Now they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going before them; and they were amazed. And as they followed, they were afraid. Then He(Jesus) took the twelve aside again and began to tell them the things that would happen to Him:

Mar 10:33 "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles;

Mar 10:34 "and they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit on Him, and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again."

Chief Priests and the Pharisees gave a command to report where Jesus was

Jhn 11:57 Now both the chief priests and the Pharisees had given a command, that if anyone knew where He(Jesus) was, he should report it, that they might seize Him.

Luk 19:29 And it came to pass, when He(Jesus) drew near to Bethphage and Bethany (eastern slopes), at the mountain called Olivet (Mount of Olives), that He(Jesus) sent two of His disciples (ahead)

Jhn 12:1 Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, who had been dead, whom He(Jesus) had raised from the dead.

Jhn 12:2 There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him.

Jhn 12:9 Now a great many of the Jews knew that He(Jesus) was there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead.

Jhn 12:10 But the chief priests plotted to put Lazarus to death also,

Jhn 12:11 because on account of him(rising from the dead) many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus.

Luk 19:30 saying, "Go into the village opposite you, where as you enter you will find a (donkey's) colt (young male donkey) tied, on which no one has ever sat (or ridden). Loose (or untie) it (the colt) and bring it here.

Gospel of Matthew 21:2 mentions that a donkey was with the colt. Jesus rode on the colt.

A colt (young male donkey) that had not been ridden, implies a kind of purity also considered sacred by the Jews and would thereby be fitting for a king to ride. Animals never used for ordinary work were often considered specially set apart, or appropriate for sacred purposes in Jewish tradition. This symbolism of a young male donkey that had not been ridden, fits the presentation of a king arriving in peace and humility rather than on a horse representing war and victory.

Luk 19:31 "And if anyone asks you, 'Why are you loosing it (or untying the colt)?' thus you shall say to him, 'Because the Lord has need of it.' "

Luk 19:32 So those (two) who were sent, went their way and found it (the colt), just as He(Jesus) had said to them.

Luk 19:33 But as they were loosing (untying) the colt, the owners of it said to them, "Why are you loosing the colt?"

Luk 19:34 And they(two disciples) said, "The Lord has need of him."

Luk 19:35 Then they brought him(the colt) to Jesus. And they threw their own clothes (garments, cloaks) on the colt (an act of submission and recognition of Jesus' kingship), and they set Jesus on him.

### Parallel passage in Matthew

Mat 21:3 "And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and immediately he will send them."

Mat 21:4 All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying:

Mat 21:5 "Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your King is coming to you, Lowly, and sitting on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.' "

### Prophetic Messianic reference: Jesus is portrayed as the humble shepherd-king

Zec 9:9 "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.

Isa 62:11 Indeed the LORD has proclaimed To the end of the world: "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Surely your salvation is coming; Behold, His reward is with Him, And His work before Him.'"

### An example in 2Kings 9:13

2Kings 9:13 Then each man hastened to take his garment and put it under him(**Jehu**) on the top of the steps (**this is seen as an act of submission and recognition of his kingship**); and they blew trumpets, saying, "Jehu is king!"

Luk 19:36 And as He(**Jesus**) went, many (**people from crowds**) spread their (own) clothes on the road (ahead of Jesus, as an act of royal honor and reverence and acknowledgment of His authority).

### Palm Sunday

Mat 21:8 And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees (palm trees) and spread them on the road.

Mat 21:10 And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, "Who is this?"

Mat 21:11 So the multitudes said, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee."

Luk 19:37 Then, as He(**Jesus**) was now drawing near (**Jerusalem**) the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples (**all those who were and those claiming to be His followers**) began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice (**shout and sing**) for all the mighty works (miracles) they had seen (because they were witnesses),

### An example of a mighty work

Luk 13:11 And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up.

Luk 13:13 And He(**Jesus**) laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

Luk 13:16 "So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound--think of it--for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?"

Luk 13:17 And when He(**Jesus**) said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced, for all the glorious things (**mighty works**) that were done by Him.

Luk 19:38 saying: " 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the LORD (Psalm 118:26)!' Peace in heaven and glory in the highest (Psa 148:1)!"

The Triumphal Entry takes place at the beginning of Passover week. Jesus had been to Jerusalem many times before, but this was a special day. He came to Jerusalem as the Prince of Peace.

### Hosanna "Save Now!" A prayer of blessing for the coming of the Messiah

Psa 118:25 Save now, I pray, O LORD; O LORD, I pray, send now prosperity.

Psa 118:26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We have blessed you from the house of the LORD.

Psa 148:1 Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; Praise Him in the heights!

### Jesus Himself is our peace

Eph 2:14 For He(Jesus) Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation,

Eph 2:15 having abolished in His flesh (**being crucified**) the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances(**which needs to be kept, He satisfied**), so as to create in Himself, one new man from the two, thus making peace,

Eph 2:16 and that He(Jesus)\_might reconcile them both (**Jew and Gentile**) to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity (**killing the hostility of our enemy**).

Isa 9:6 For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isa 9:7 Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Jhn 16:33 "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me(Jesus) you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

Rom 5:1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Luk 19:39 And some of the Pharisees called to Him(**Jesus, literally**) from the crowd, "Teacher, rebuke (**or stop**) Your disciples (**from shouting these Messianic praises, The crowd's praise made Jesus' enemies hate Him even more**)."

Followers of Jesus Christ are called to keep their hearts, minds, and attention centered on Him rather than becoming entangled with sin, self, worldly distractions, or Satan's deception.

| <u>Focus of the Believer</u> | <u>Scripture</u> | <u>Brief Summary</u>   |
|------------------------------|------------------|--|
| Keep eyes on Jesus           | Heb 12:2         | Jesus is the author and finisher of our faith; our attention and trust on Him. |
| Set mind on heaven           | Col 3:2          | Focus on eternal things rather than earthly distractions.                      |
| Abide in Christ              | John 15:4-5      | Spiritual life and fruitfulness come from remaining connected to Jesus.        |
| Walk in the Spirit           | Gal 5:16         | Walking in the Spirit helps believers overcome fleshly desires.                |
| Deny self, follow Jesus      | Luke 9:23        | Following Christ means surrendering self and living for Him daily.             |
| Do not love the world        | 1John 2:15       | The world system can pull hearts away from God.                                |
| Be alert, Satan's attacks    | 1Peter 5:8       | Satan seeks to distract and devour; believers must stay spiritually watchful.  |
| Do your devotions            | 2 Cor 11:3       | Guard the mind from being drawn away from simple devotion to Jesus.            |

**Luk 19:40** But He(Jesus) answered (replied) and said to them(the Pharisees), "I tell you that if these(people) should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out (All creation was made to worship the King of Kings who is Lord of all, scripture references Ps 148:7-13, Ps 96:11-12)."

Heb 10:7 Then I said, 'Behold, I have come--In the volume of the book (the scriptures) it is written of Me--To do Your will, O God.' "(Also Psalm 40:6-8)

### **Luke 19:41-44 Jesus Weeps over Jerusalem (**

**Luk 19:41** Now as He(Jesus) drew near (Jerusalem), He saw the city and wept over it,

We see here Jesus feels great sorrow over their rejection of Him, even though it was predicted in the scriptures Isa 53 and Isa. 6:8-12.

### **Quote from David Guzik's Commentary on Blue Letter Bible**

Jesus here showed the heart of God, how even when judgment must be pronounced, it is never done with joy. Even when God's judgment is perfectly just and righteous, His heart weeps at the bringing of the judgment.

**Parallel idea: Jesus expresses grief and longing over Israel's rejection of Him being the Messiah to come.**

Mat 23:37 (& Luke 13:34) "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!"

### **Jesus wept with Mary and others for Lazarus death**

Jhn 11:32 Then, when Mary came where Jesus was, and saw Him, she fell down at His feet, saying to Him, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died."

Jhn 11:33 Therefore, when Jesus saw her(Mary) weeping, and the Jews who came with her weeping, He groaned in the spirit and was troubled. Jhn 11:35 Jesus wept.

Ecc 3:4 (Everything has Its Time and Season) A time to weep, And a time to laugh; A time to mourn, And a time to dance;

**Luk 19:42** saying, "If you had known, even you, especially in this your day (visitation of their Messiah), the things that make for your peace! But now (it is too late), they (that which peace depends) are hidden from your eyes.

Heb 3:13 but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

Rom 5:1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

**Luk 19:43 "For days will come upon you, when your enemies will build an embankment (walls, barricade) around you, surround you (with armies) and close you in on every side,**

**Luk 19:44 "and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave, in you (Jerusalem), one stone upon another, because you did not know (recognize v42) the time of your visitation (a reference to the Messiah's first coming, God offering salvation)."**

**Jesus' prophecy was fulfilled in 70 a.d. when the Roman army came in and destroyed Jerusalem and the temple (Mic. 3:12).**

**1Kings 9:7 (When you turn your back on me) "then I will cut off Israel from the land which I have given them; and this house which I have consecrated for My name I will cast out of My sight. Israel will be a proverb and a byword among all peoples.**

**1Kings 9:8 "And as for this house, which is exalted, everyone who passes by it will be astonished and will hiss, and say, 'Why has the LORD done thus to this land and to this house?'**

**Mat 24:1 Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came up to show Him(Jesus) the buildings of the temple. (The massive size and polished surfaces of the fitted stones that formed the temple structure created a magnificent sight).**

**Mat 24:2 And Jesus said to them(His disciples), "Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down."**

**Luke 19:45-48 Jesus Cleanses the Temple from Merchandizers (Mat 21:12-17; Mark 11:15-19; John 2:12-25) All Four Gospels**

**Luk 19:45 Then He(Jesus) went into (entered) the temple (courts) and began to drive out those who bought and sold in it (the system had become corrupt and was taking advantage of the people by making excessive amounts of money by exchanging foreign monies and selling animals for sacrifices at abusive prices),**

**Jesus cleansed the temple at the beginning of His ministry (John 2:13-22) The same purpose to drive out the merchandizing, who with the cooperation of the priests cheated visitors to Jerusalem by forcing them to purchase approved sacrificial animals and trade currencies at high prices.**

**Luk 19:46 saying to them, "It is written, 'My House is (will be) a House Of Prayer (Isaiah 56:7),' but you have made it a 'den of thieves (robbers' place) (Jeremiah 7:11).'"**

Isa 56:7 - Even them I will bring to My holy mountain, And make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices Will be accepted on My altar; For My house shall be called a house of prayer for "all nations"."

Luk 19:47 And He(**Jesus**) was teaching daily (**day after day**) in the temple (**courts and porches**) But the chief priests (**members of the most prominent priestly families**), the scribes (**teachers of religious law**), and the leaders (**prominent leaders**) of the people (**got together and**) sought to destroy Him (**they began planning skillfully a way to put Jesus to death**),

#### Parallel passage from Gospel of Matthew

Mat 21:13 And He(**Jesus**) said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you have made it a 'den of thieves.' "

Mat 21:14 Then the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them (all).

Mat 21:15 But when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that He did, and the children crying out in the temple and saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant

Mat 21:16 and said to Him, "Do You hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes. Have you never read, 'Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have perfected praise'?"

Luk 19:48 and were unable (**to find away**) to do anything; for all the people (**stayed close to Jesus and**) were very attentive to hear Him (**hung onto or upon every word Jesus spoke**)

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#### Extra Scriptures:

#### Charts:

##### Examples of Putting Your Treasures in Heaven

| <u>Theme</u>            | <u>Scripture</u>      | <u>Short Phrase</u>                |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| Eternal focus           | Matthew 6:19–21       | Store treasures, where it lasts    |
| Right priorities        | Colossians 3:2–3      | Set your mind on heaven            |
| Faithful works rewarded | 1 Corinthians 3:12–14 | God rewards what endures           |
| Giving to others        | Luke 12:33–34         | Give → gain heavenly treasure      |
| Using money wisely      | Luke 16:9             | Use wealth for eternity            |
| Giving to the church    | Malachi 3:10          | Honor God with giving              |
| Supporting ministry     | Matthew 10:41–42      | Share in their reward              |
| Ministry partnership    | Philippians 4:17      | Fruit credited to you              |
| Volunteering / serving  | 1 Peter 4:10          | Use your gifts to serve            |
| Serving faithfully      | Hebrews 6:10          | God remembers your service         |
| Helping the poor        | Proverbs 19:17        | Lending to the Lord, He will repay |
| Helping "the least"     | Matthew 25:40         | Serving others = serving Christ    |

## Examples of Putting Your Treasures in Heaven

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|----------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Cup of water   | Matthew 10:42      | Small acts count          |
| Hospitality    | Hebrews 13:2       | Welcome others            |
| Prayer         | Matthew 6:6        | Secret prayer rewarded    |
| Seeking God    | Hebrews 11:6       | God rewards seekers       |
| Perseverance   | Galatians 6:9      | Don't quit—harvest coming |
| Generosity     | 2 Corinthians 9:6  | Sow more → reap more      |
| Obedient work  | Colossians 3:23–24 | Work for the Lord         |
| Self-denial    | Matthew 16:24–27   | Lose now → gain later     |
| Eternal reward | Revelation 22:12   | Jesus brings reward       |

## Practical ways

### 1) Consistent, sincere prayer

Matthew 6:6 “Pray... in secret, and your Father... will reward you.”

### 2) Love people (especially the overlooked)

Matthew 25:40 “Whatever you did for one of the least... you did for Me.”

This includes: Poor, Widows, Children, The hurting, less fortunate

### 3) Generous giving (without seeking attention)

Matthew 6:3–4 “Do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing...”

Give quietly → God rewards openly

### 4) Seek God first (prioritize eternity)

Matthew 6:33 “Seek first the kingdom of God... all these things shall be added to you.”

### 5) Walk by faith and be faithful in everyday life

Heb 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please God ...

Luke 16:10 “Whoever is faithful in little is faithful in much.”