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“ ²⁸ After telling this story, Jesus went on toward Jerusalem, walking ahead of his disciples. ²⁹ As he came to the towns of Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he sent two disciples ahead. ³⁰ ‘Go into that village over there,’ he told them. ‘As you enter it, you will see a young donkey tied there that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks, ‘Why are you untying that colt?’ just say, ‘The Lord needs it.’”
³² So they went and found the colt, just as Jesus had said. ³³ And sure enough, as they were untying it, the owners asked them, ‘Why are you untying that colt?’
³⁴ And the disciples simply replied, ‘The Lord needs it.’ ³⁵ So they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments over it for him to ride on.
³⁶ As he rode along, the crowds spread out their garments on the road ahead of him. ³⁷ When he reached the place where the road started down the Mount of Olives, all of his followers began to shout and sing as they walked along, praising God for all the wonderful miracles they had seen.
³⁸ ‘Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven, and glory in highest heaven!’ ”

LUKE 19:28-38 (NLT)

“ ⁹ Rejoice, O people of Zion! Shout in triumph, O people of Jerusalem! Look, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and victorious, yet he is humble, riding on a donkey— riding on a donkey’s colt.”

ZECHARIAH 9:9 (NLT)

Praise _____, He is _____.

“ ³⁸ ‘Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven, and glory in highest heaven!’
³⁹ But some of the Pharisees among the crowd said, ‘Teacher, rebuke your followers for saying things like that!’
⁴⁰ He replied, ‘If they kept quiet, the stones along the road would burst into cheers!’ ”

LUKE 19:38-40 (NLT)

_____ is _____.

People are still asking: _____ ?

“ ¹⁰ The entire city of Jerusalem was in an uproar as he entered. ‘Who is this?’ they asked. ¹¹ And the crowds replied, ‘It’s Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.’ ”

MATTHEW 21:10-11 (NLT)

_____, _____, and more _____.

“ 19 Then the Pharisees said to each other, 'There's nothing we can do. Look, everyone has gone after him!' ”

JOHN 12:19 (NLT)

“ 19 The Pharisees took one look and threw up their hands: 'It's out of control. The world's in a stampede after him.' ”

JOHN 12:19 (MSG)

_____ would lead to a _____.

Jesus _____.

“ 41 But as he came closer to Jerusalem and saw the city ahead, he began to weep. 42 “How I wish today that you of all people would understand the way to peace. But now it is too late, and peace is hidden from your eyes. 43 Before long your enemies will build ramparts against your walls and encircle you and close in on you from every side. 44 They will crush you into the ground, and your children with you. Your enemies will not leave a single stone in place, because you did not recognize it when God visited you.”

LUKE 19:41-44 (NLT)

WHAT?

What _____ that _____ of God?

“ 10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

LUKE 19:10 (NLT)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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- 1 - Who is someone you would go out to see in public even if it was to just catch a glimpse? Why them?
- 2 - When is a time when you were the center of attention and people were celebrating you? Do you like that, or tend to avoid those moments?
- 3 - Jesus enters Jerusalem as a King, but on a humble donkey. How do you live in the tension of living into your purpose but staying humble along the way?
- 4 - Re-read Luke 19:38-40 and John 14:6. In a culture where many people believe “My truth is My truth”, how do you cling to truth about Jesus?
- 5 - Where in your world do you see people exploring the person of Jesus, or faith in General? How do you engage those conversations?
- 6 - Jesus heart is broken over the lost in Jerusalem. When you think about lost people in Lodi, what breaks your heart? How might God be inviting you into that hurt?

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