

**Questions for Reflection and Discussion**

Luke 18:31-34, 19:35-42

**Date:** April 5, 2020

**Scripture:** Luke 18:31-34, 19:35-42

**Title:** Coronation of the King

**Luke 18:31-34** - Jesus took the Twelve aside and told them, "We are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled. <sup>32</sup> He will be delivered over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, insult him and spit on him; <sup>33</sup> they will flog him and kill him. On the third day he will rise again." <sup>34</sup> The disciples did not understand any of this. Its meaning was hidden from them, and they did not know what he was talking about.

**Luke 19:35-42** - 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."

The significance of Jesus riding into Jerusalem:

Three ways Jesus triumphal entry is different:

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

Why celebration wasn't misguided:

1. When you think about a coronation of a king or queen, what comes to your mind?
2. Have you ever anticipated an event with the excitement the disciples had as Jesus rode into Jerusalem? Were your expectations met or were you let down?
3. Which of the three differences about Jesus' triumphal entry seems most surprising to you? Can you think of any other differences?
4. Are the differences about Jesus' triumphal entry in line with how he conducted the rest of his life and ministry? Can you think of other examples from his ministry that followed the same "upside down from normal" pattern?
5. As you think about Jesus' last week, do you normally focus on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, or Easter Sunday? Should these events be considered individually or are they better understood as parts of a whole?
6. Do the events of Good Friday taint the celebration of Palm Sunday in some way? Should they?
7. When you think of the throne that Jesus' ultimately assumed, what comes to your mind?
8. In what ways does Jesus' reign over all creation influence your life on a day to day basis? How should it?