

## Palm Sunday

### Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as a King

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How do I experience the peace of having Jesus as the King of my life?

*<sup>28</sup> After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup> As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, <sup>30</sup> "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. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Lord needs it.'"*

*<sup>32</sup> Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?"*

*<sup>34</sup> They replied, "The Lord needs it." Luke 19:28-34, NIV*

Jesus was on a path of pilgrimage.

Jesus was on a planned path.

In a sense, my life is a pilgrimage as well.

*<sup>35</sup> 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!"*  
**Luke 19:35-38, NIV**

The peace Jesus gives goes deeper than his good gifts. The peace he brings is with God.

*<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." Luke 19:39-40, NIV*

Jesus is the King.

But not everyone welcomes him.

# CrossWalk **notes**

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*<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. <sup>43</sup> The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. <sup>44</sup> **They 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.**" Luke 19:41-44, NIV*

I break Jesus' heart and my life when I look for peace in the wrong place.

Take an annual pilgrimage to the cross and open tomb to find the peace that Jesus offers with God.

## MEMORY VERSE

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**Luke 19:38, NIV**

### **My next step:**

I will pursue the peace that Jesus has already won for me. I will enjoy peace with God and let that peace drip into every area of my life.

What's your next step?

Mark it on your connection card.

### **Group Questions:**

On a Sunday morning why do you think people come to church? What are they hoping to get from God?

Our knowledge of God and his goodness grows over time. It often starts with an understanding of his kindness and goodness and continues to grow. The people of Jesus' day praised him for his miracles. What moves you to give praise to God?

How is a going to the cross and then to the empty tomb on Easter a type of annual pilgrimage for a Christian?

How is daily confession and forgiveness another type of journey a Christian can take that brings peace?