

Palm Sunday 2018
Luke 19:28-44

Israel Tour sharing:

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Me not a vacation but an inspiration
 to have a closer walk with Jesus
 to be His witnesses to a wicked and perverse generation
 day-by-day itinerary

v28-29a Ascending UP to Jerusalem
 Understanding the geography helps understand Scripture
 From every direction, must go UP to Jerusalem

In Luke 19, Jesus is in Jericho (v1)
 From Jericho to Jerusalem, the geography

- east to west
- -1300 feet to 2600 feet = 3800 feet
- 12 miles

Jericho (-1300)
Mount of Olives (2600)
Kidron Valley
Mount Moriah (2500)
South: City of David/Zion
Middle: Jerusalem and Temple Mount/threshing floor of Ornan
North: Calvary/Golgotha

Ascending up to Jerusalem is a walk of faith
 Cannot see the city until you come to the crest of Mount of Olives

Bethpage and Bethany are on the eastern slope of Mount of Olives

v29b-31 colt: young donkey, “unbroken”

Thinking about Jesus’ instructions – the Lord God has need of a colt
God is Spirit (John 4:24)...in no need of a colt!
Jesus, 100% Man, Messiah/Savior, Kinsman-Redeemer, is in need of a
colt (to fulfill Scripture)

Zech 9:9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O
daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh
unto thee: He *is* just, and having salvation; lowly,
and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of
an ass

Therefore, Jesus, by calling Himself the Lord, is saying...He is God!

v32-34 Just as Jesus said
How did He know?
He is God made man, 100% God and 100% Man
The donkey and the man (owner) have appointments with God from
before the foundation of the world

v35-38 This ride is known as...The Triumphal Entry
The only time Jesus allowed the people to hail Him as King

We walked the Palm Sunday Road
Western slope of Mount of Olives
(at the time, nothing but olive trees and oil presses)
Garden of Gethsemane
(one of the oil presses)
Kidron Valley
Mount Moriah

How many people are singing Ps 118:26, about the Messiah?
A multitude
Where will they all be in 1 week?

Why are they singing and praising God?
For the works Jesus has done that they have witnessed
Evidence Jesus is the Messiah

John 5:36 **But I have greater witness than *that* of John: for the works
which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works
that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me**

John 10:37-38 *If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him*

Both times to the unbelieving Pharisees

v39 Among the multitude, keeping book on all Jesus did and said, are some of those unbelieving Pharisees

What was the last thing Jesus had said to the Pharisees?

Luke 13:35

They initiated the “conversation”...as Jesus foretold in Luke 13

They know that Ps 118 is a Messianic song of celebration

They violently do not believe Jesus is the Messiah, as His disciples are saying

Ps 118:24-28

“They are saying You are the Messiah!

You are NOT the Messiah!

You most certainly are NOT the LORD!!!

Hush these people up, make them stop; they are deceived and singing heresy!”

v40 Jesus responds by saying that He will be hailed as King and Messiah this day, as appointed, whether by His beloved creatures or by the creation

If the people are quiet, the stones (MANY in Israel!!) will sing Ps 118!

v41 Somewhere on the western slope of the Mount of Olives,
with Jerusalem right before Him,
Jesus wept

[photo – traditional site]

perhaps half-way down the western slope

perhaps on the line of altar of red heifer, Eastern Gate, and Temple doors

Why is Jesus weeping?

The spiritual condition in Jerusalem – violent unbelief of His identity

And...

v42-44

Jesus is weeping because this is the very day

- ordained
- foretold

that He, their Messiah, would visit them...and they did not know it!

Dan 9:24-26a

Neh 2:5-7

the city

The Jews had been given these words of God...and were held accountable

But they did not know...and were held accountable

Ps 118:25 Save now, I beseech thee, O LORD:
 O LORD, I beseech thee, send now prosperity

The Prince of Peace (Is 9:6) has arrived as their King...right on time, but
they did not receive Him as such
So now the things of peace (Word of God, John 1:1, 14) is hid from their eyes...
blinded in part

Rom 11:7 What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh
for; but the election (foreknown that they would believe)
hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded

Rom 11:25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this
mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that
blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of
the Gentiles be come in

And Jesus prophesies of the future:

- surrounded by the Roman Army (most fierce ever)
- subjected to a Roman siege
 [previous photo – gate upon gate, blocked gates, Muslim graves]
- utter destruction of the city, including the Temple...
 not one stone upon another
 [photo]

Those stones cry out, excavated in 1968 after Jerusalem once
again came under Jewish control
(Six Day War in June 1967)

Israel resurrected as a nation (1948), as foretold in Ezk 37 (Dry Bones)

Jerusalem in Jewish hands (1967)

Jerusalem a burdensome stone to the nations

Perplexity of the nations – no way out of, no solutions for very serious problems (Luke 21:25)

All signs that King Jesus is returning soon!

Therefore...

Luke 21:28

Watch!

Luke 21:36

Tell unbelievers to get on the Ark while there is still time...which draws shorter every day

“In Christ” (by grace are we saved, through faith, not of works, it is the gift of God) is the only way to escape world-wide judgment

As a reminder of this urgent mission of love, I have a gift for all of you...

Something to put on your desk or dresser or in your car where you will see it every day

(rocks)

Please come up after service and take one