

**Life Group Notes**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2021**

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**Title:** Toward Jerusalem

**Passage:** Luke: 19:28-44

This story is set with the backdrop of Passover week. Jerusalem was a city with a population of approx. 40-50,000. It is estimated that during Passover week it would swell to 1-3 million, people coming from all over the country to sacrifice lambs for Passover.

Jesus rides towards Jerusalem on a colt, a young donkey that was brought to him by two of his disciples. (Having foretold them of its availability and location!). As he rides, disciples lay him a metaphorical red carpet and celebrate his entry towards the city through rejoicing and praising of God. His entrance on a donkey is the fulfilment of the prophecy in Zech 9:9-10. The scene unfolding in Jerusalem was the fulfilment of the Zechariah's prophecy. Jesus is THE King entering the city to take his throne. As he draws near to Jerusalem and looks over the city he weeps for its brokenness and the subsequent destruction that will befall the city and its people.

The passage shows us different elements of the Kingship of Christ. Which one do you need to see with fresh eyes?

**Divine King** – Jesus is the God King. He is God become King. His sovereignty is demonstrated by his knowledge of the whereabouts of the colt.

**Humble King** – Jesus comes to serve and save the ordinary, the normal – signified by his entrance on a donkey – the animal of the 'common' person.

**Saviour King** – The lamb of God comes into Jerusalem. His blood is what will save men from the angel of death

**Righteous King** – This is part of Zechariah's prophecy. Jesus rules with truth, justice and wisdom. His rule is always right

**Mighty King** – They praise him for his mighty works. Jesus has power to heal, to deliver, to command.

**King of peace** – Jesus rides in on a donkey – a sign of peace. He comes to bring peace with both God and with men

**King of creation** – Jesus instructs the Pharisees that if people don't praise him, the pavement will!! Creation (that's you and me) is created to praise.

**Compassionate King** – Jesus weeps over the brokenness of the city. They don't recognise that the temple has entered Jerusalem as they are so caught up in the rituals of the temple building.

**Questions:**

1. What do you find most memorable about this account?
2. Which aspect of Jesus' Kingship did you find helpful/see with new eyes in this passage?
3. Which aspect of Jesus' Kingship did you find comforting/encouraging?
4. Jesus instructs the disciples to tell the owners of the colt that "the Lord has need of it". The owners it seems willingly give the colt to Jesus. What might Jesus have need of that you 'own'? (Time, talent, treasure?) How easy do you find it to give to God what he asks of you?