

## **Exegetical Notes - Luke 19:28-44**

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### **Luke 19:28-44**

#### **Verse 28**

***After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.***

- After Jesus told the story about the man who went to be crowned king, Luke 19:11-27, he set out to Jerusalem where he would fulfill his part in God's plan for the redemption of humanity.

#### **Verses 29-31**

***As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "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. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' tell him, 'The Lord needs it.'"***

- The Mount of Olives is a high ridge of ground outside of Jerusalem separated from the city by the Kidron Valley. It is an extremely significant place in Biblical history. From here, Jesus ascended into Heaven, and when he returns to earth, his feet will first touch earth here. On the Sunday preceding his crucifixion, Jesus started the events from the Mount of Olives.
- From the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples into a nearby village. He told them that there they would find a donkey colt upon which no one had ever ridden. It would be tied up near the entrance to the village. They were to bring the colt to Jesus on the Mount of Olives.
- If anyone questioned them as to why they were taking the donkey, they were to say, "The Lord needs it."

### **Verses 32-34**

***Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” They replied, “The Lord needs it.”***

- When the two disciples came to the village, they found the colt exactly as Jesus said they would. As they untied the donkey, its owners demanded to know what they were doing. And when they told them that the Lord needed it, the owners did not object to their taking the colt.

### **Verses 35-38**

***They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. 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: “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”***

- Jesus mounted the donkey and rode it into Jerusalem. He was proclaiming that he was Israel’s Messianic king in accordance with the words of Zechariah 9:9.

### **Verse 39**

***Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”***

- Because they knew what Jesus was doing, some of the Pharisees in the crowd, those who did not want Jesus to be their king, objected. They ordered Jesus to make his disciples stop greeting him in the way reserved for greeting the Messiah.

### **Verse 40**

***“I tell you,” he replied, “If they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”***

- Jesus told the Pharisees that, like the delegation in the previous story (Luke 19:14), they could object to his being the Messiah all they wanted. But their objections would mean nothing. He was the Messiah and no objections would change that. Even if his disciples did not proclaim that fact, nature itself would.

### **Verses 41-44**

***As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it 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 days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. 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."***

- These events all took place as Jesus said in 70A.D. when the Romans took the city of Jerusalem! See Luke 19:27. Jesus cried because he knew that he would be rejected by his own people because they did not know who/what was in their own best interests.

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