

Luke
See Jesus
Alone In A Crowd
Luke 19:28-40

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Luke 19:28-40 “And when He had said these things, He went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ When He drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, He sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, ‘Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” ³² So those who were sent went away and found it just as He had told them. ³³ And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, ‘Why are you untying the colt?’ ³⁴ And they said, ‘The Lord has need of it.’ ³⁵ And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ And as He rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As He was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of His disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸ saying, ‘Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!’ ³⁹ And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Him, ‘Teacher, rebuke your disciples.’ ⁴⁰ He answered, ‘I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.’”

Reader: This is the Word of The Lord.

Response: ***Thanks Be To God!***

I. Jesus is God, beyond the shadow of a doubt!

A. Jesus’ omniscience proves He is God.

Luke 19:30-34 “...‘Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, “Why are you untying it?” you shall say this: “The Lord has need of it.”’” ³² So those who were sent went away and found it just as He had told them. ³³ And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, ‘Why are you untying the colt’ ³⁴ And they said, ‘The Lord has need of it.’”

B. Jesus’ fulfillment of Messianic prophecies proves He is God.

- a. The precise timing of the Messiah’s entry to Jerusalem: prophesied by Daniel, and fulfilled by Jesus.

Daniel 9:24-26 “Seventy weeks are decreed about your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to put an end to sin, and to atone for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal both vision and prophet, and to anoint a Most Holy Place. ²⁵ Know therefore and understand that from the going out of the word to restore and build Jerusalem to the coming of an Anointed One, a Prince, there shall be seven weeks. Then for sixty-two weeks it shall be built again with squares and moat, but in a troubled time. ²⁶ And after the sixty-two weeks, an Anointed One shall be cut off and shall have nothing. And the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. Its end shall come with a flood, and to the end there shall be war. Desolations are decreed.”

- b. The fact that the Messiah would ride a colt: prophesied by Zechariah, and fulfilled by Jesus.

Zechariah 9:9 “Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is He, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

Dr. J. Barton Payne found 574 verses in the Old Testament that point to, describe, or reference the coming Messiah.

Alfred Edersheim found 456 Old Testament verses referring to the Messiah or His times.

Conservatively, Jesus fulfilled **at least 300 prophecies** in His earthly ministry!

II. You need to love Jesus primarily because of what He did for you, not for what He can do for you.

Luke 19:37-38 “As He was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸saying, ‘Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!’”

John 12:17-18 “The crowd that had been with Him when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet Him was that they heard He had done this sign.”

3 Results of Loving Jesus For What He’s Done

A. You can stop trying to impress God and live in the freedom of being accepted by God.

Romans 3:20,23-24,26,28 “For by works of the law no human being will be justified in His sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin...²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus...²⁶ It was to show His righteousness at the present time, so that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus...²⁸ For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.”

B. You can stop living under the weight of guilt and shame because you are in Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:1 “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”

C. Your life can be defined by what is real instead of what you feel.

2 Corinthians 4:17-18 “For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

Questions for Personal Reflection and/or Community Group Discussion:

1. When have you felt “alone in a crowd?”
2. Pastor Peter said “Conservatively, Jesus fulfilled at least 300 prophecies in His earthly ministry!” Why is that important to you?
3. Does Jesus’ omniscience (He knows everything) bring you peace? Why or why not?
4. How can you tell if you love Jesus because of what He’s done vs. what He might do?

5. Review the list of “3 Results of Loving Jesus For What He’s Done.” Which of those have you experienced? Which of those did you need to be reminded of today?