

TEXT: Luke 19:28-44

Supporting Text: Luke 4:18

“When He had said this, He went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. And it came to pass, when He drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mountain called Olivet, that He sent two of His disciples, saying, “Go into the village opposite you, where as you enter you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Lose it and bring it here. And if anyone asks you, ‘Why are you losing it?’ Thus you shall say to him, ‘Because the Lord has need of it.’ ” So those who were sent went their way and found it just as He had said to them. But as they were loosing the colt, the owners of it said to them, “Why are you losing the colt?” And they said, “The Lord has need of him.” Then they brought him to Jesus. And they threw their own clothes on the colt, and they set Jesus on him. And as He went, many spread their clothes on the road. Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen, saying: “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the LORD! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, “Teacher, rebuke Your disciples.” But He answered and said to them, “I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out.” Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, saying, “If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation.””

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There are THREE themes in the story that Are important for us today:

I) Those Who Rejoice

- The Whole multitude of disciples Rejoiced
- They Rejoiced because they Remembered
- Examples of those who rejoiced:
 - a. Nicodemus - He came asking questions in the night. Jesus can answer the hard questions in your life
 - b. Mary Magdalene - She was delivered from seven evil spirits
 - c. Zacheus - ostracized tax collector
 - d. The crowd - they ate the five loaves and two fish
- There will always be some who do not like your praise

II) Those Who Fail to Recognize

- They did not know the time of their visitation
- It is possible for Jesus to be present and you not be aware of it.

Reasons Why Some Fail to Recognize:

- a. Religion - Traditions of men. Our focus becomes man and not God - “Form of godliness but denying the power”
- b. Routine - The rat race of Life. We squeeze Jesus out - “Early in the Morning I will seek you”
- c. Rebellion- We refuse because of hurt, offense, disobedience - “Prodigal Son”

If you had known.... what you are looking for is right in front of you!

Peace, joy, love, purpose, destiny, freedom, options...

- When we aren't aware of the presence of Jesus the enemy takes advantage of us.

III) Those Who Jesus Has Need Of

- He tells the disciples that when you find the donkey and colt they will be tied up
- He then tells the disciples that when they find them to lose them
- Then he tells them what to say if anyone asked them why, because he has need of them
- This is a picture of our lives that when He found us we were tied up and needed to be loosed

- Have you ever felt like you were tied up:

- a. Tied to your Past (your upbringing, who you use to be)
- b. Tied to People (toxic relationships, people's opinions)
- c. Tied to Pain (rejection, divorce, abandonment, depression)
- d. Tied to Problems (Family, marital, financial, addiction)

- Luke 4:18 Jesus came to set the captive free.

***““The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed;”
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PRAYER FOCUS: For those that need to be Untied.