

“Who is This?” Mt. 21:10

Guided Growth with Pastor Keith @ CBC Palm Sunday, April 9th

In Luke 18 and 19, Jesus is on his final trip to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. Jesus knew exactly what would happen to him on this trip. Luke 18:31-34 *“Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished. For he shall be delivered unto the Gentiles, and shall be mocked, and spitefully entreated, and spitted on: And they shall scourge him, and put him to death: and the third day he shall rise again. And they understood none of these things:”*

It’s interesting to note how Jesus spent his time on that final journey to Jerusalem.

1. **Blessed Children.** Vs. 15-17. *“whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, shall in no wise enter therein.”* (17)
2. **Challenges a Rich Young Ruler to lay up treasures in heaven.** (Vs 18-23)
3. **Promises eternal rewards to those willing to follow Him.** (28-30)
4. **He heals blind Bartimaeus** (35-40)
5. **He spends time with a repentant rich Zacchaeus** (19:1-10) *“For the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.”*
6. **Recognizing their temporary focus, Jesus tells the parable of the Noblemen and His 10 servants who were called to give account of their stewardship.** (19:11-27)
7. **Spends the night at Bethany where Mary anoints his feet.** (Jn. 12:1-11)
8. **Fulfills prophecy by approaching Jerusalem on a donkey.** (Lk. 19:28-44 and Zech. 9:9)
9. **He Pauses to weep over the city.** 19:41-44
10. **He then marches into the Temple and drives out the money changers and teaches.** Vs. 45-48
Matthew 21:10 *“And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, ‘Who is this?’”*
This is a question that every reasonable heart must ask (and answer).

Based on the events prompting this question, we can see that Jesus:

- 1) Loves Children and is Drawn to childlike **FAITH!** (Luke 18:17 and Mt. 18:10)
- 2) Is Concerned about our **STEWARDSHIP!** (18:22-30; 19:1-10; 12-27)
Five of the events of this past week dealt with how people use money!
 - *The Rich Young Ruler. Luke 18:18-23*
 - *Wealthy People and Faith. Luke 18:24-27*
 - *The Disciples questions and response. Luke 18:28-30*
 - *Zacchaeus. Luke 19:1-10*
 - *Parable of the pounds. Lk. 19:11-27*
- 3) Is Concerned about helping the blind to “see”. (Lk 18:35-43; John 9 and 2 Cor. 4:3-6)
- 4) Longs to be **loved.** (Lazarus, Martha, Mary Jn. 12) See also Jn. 14:21
- 5) Is Concerned about keeping God’s Word. (Luke 19:28-44; Zech. 9:9)
- 6) Is **Grieved** over our ignorance and indifference to God’s Plan. (Luke 19:42)
- 7) Is Angry at those who put **obstacles** between God and others. Lk. 19:45-48
- 8) Is A **“threat”** the status quo. 19:47
- 9) Is **Attractive!** People were “drawn to” and “attentive to” him. 19:48

**On Palm Sunday the crowds were shouting his Praise.
A few days later they were shouting for his death!
So, what changed?**

There were two questions asked that week that each of us must answer.

➤ Mt. 21:10 *“And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, **Who is this?**”*

They answered this with : *“This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.”*

➤ Mark 15:12 *“What will ye then... do unto him whom ye call the King...?”*

They answered with *“Crucify him... we have no King but Caesar”*

Application:

Each human destiny hangs on how we answer those same two questions?

(1) Mt. 21:10 *“Who is this?” (Jesus)*

Jesus asks each of us: *“whom say ye that I am?”*

Mt 16:15

(2) Mark 15:12 *“What will ye then... do unto him whom ye call the King...?”*

Luke 6:46 *“why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?”*

Either He's Lord of all, or He's not Lord at all!

