

PROPHET, PRIEST, & KING

Part 7



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“The Triumphal Entry — Jesus as Prophet, Priest, & King”

Background

The Prophetic Ministry of Christ: _____ the Word of the Lord. (Luke 4:16-30)

The Priestly Ministry of Christ: _____ and _____ from sin. (Luke 5:17-26)

The Kingly Ministry of Christ: Demonstrating that He possessed the _____ of God Himself. (Luke 8:22-39)

The Triumphal Entry — Luke 19:28-48

The Humble King (19:28-40)

- The events of the Triumphal Entry are set against the backdrop of a prophecy from the book of Zechariah.

Zech. 9:9-10—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. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem, and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea,

Contrasting Reactions:

1. _____

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, saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

⇒ Their spreading of their cloaks on the ground and their quotation of Ps. 118:26 demonstrated their willingness to submit to Him as Messiah.

2. _____

Luke 19:39—And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.”

⇒ They did not believe Jesus to be Messiah and recognizing what the people were doing demanded that He silence them.

Jesus’ Response:

Luke 19:40—He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

⇒ His response to them served as a rebuke to their unfaithfulness. His words were in all likelihood an allusion to Isaiah 55, a prominent OT passage:

Is. 55:10-12— “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. “For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace, the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

- Jesus had come as King to fulfill the Word of the Lord, but not in a way that either of these groups expected.

Question for Reflection:

Do I recognize that Jesus Christ is sovereign and good even when His plans do not conform to my _____?

The Weeping Prophet (19:41-44)

- As Jesus approached the city, His mournful reaction to seeing it contrasted sharply with the elation shown by His followers.

Luke 19:41-42—And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, “Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.

⇒ This statement of lament was a recognition of the effect of His own prophetic ministry which was like that of _____.

Isa. 6:9-10—And he said, “Go, and say to this people: “‘Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive.’ Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and blind their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed.”

Luke 8:9-10—And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that ‘seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.’”

- Because of the people’s rejection of Him and His Word, Jesus prophetically predicted the coming destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD.

⇒ Judgment is always the result of rejecting God and His Word!

Question for Reflection:

Do I recognize my responsibility to respond in _____ to the Word of the Lord?

The Zealous Priest (19:45-48)

- On the following day, Jesus and His disciples entered the Temple complex and found the outer court overrun with moneychangers and those who were selling animals to be used for sacrifices.

Luke 19:45-46—And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold, saying to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be a house of prayer,’ but you have made it a den of robbers.”

⇒ This was Jesus’ rebuke of the practices of the Temple, specifically the defiling of the court of the _____.
As He drove out those who were selling these animals, He quoted from Isaiah 56.

Isa. 56:6-8— 6 “And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant—7 these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.” 8 The Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, “I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered.”

- The Jews as a whole had misunderstood God’s purpose in choosing them to be a kingdom of priests (Ex. 19:5). Their nearness to God was intended by Him for the purpose of bringing in Gentiles rather than excluding them.
- The Levitical priesthood and the elders of Jerusalem had failed to guard the holiness of the Temple as a place for all people to worship and so it was necessary for a Greater Priest to cleanse it.

Question for Reflection

Do I recognize Jesus Christ alone as one who can truly _____ my worship?