



The Gospel of Luke



Week 20 Discussion Questions

Week of 2/19/23

Text: Luke 19:28-44

Icebreaker: As Easter weekend approaches, what could your LifeGroup do to help serve at the Egg Hunt or one of the Sunday services? Reach out to your campus Community Life team if you have questions.

1. In recent weeks, we've seen Jesus's resolve to get to Jerusalem, even though he knows what awaits him there (e.g., 18:31-34). Would it matter if Jesus either was reluctant to get there or was caught off guard once he was there? Why?

2. Jesus directs his disciples in verses 28-34. Imagine being in their position to carry out these instructions. Would you have some doubt about whether things would go exactly as Jesus described? Why or why not?

Application: What difference does it make for your life that Jesus is able to know even details that have not yet happened?

3. Read Zechariah 9:9 and Psalm 118:26. Why is it significant that the details unfolding in Luke 18 were alluded to centuries earlier in the Old Testament?

Application: Verse 37 tells us that Jesus is being praised "for all the mighty works that [the multitude of disciples] had seen." In our series so far, which "mighty works" of Jesus have stood out to you most? Why?

4. Verses 39-40 remind us that not everyone is celebrating the moment. Why do the Pharisees want Jesus to rebuke his disciples?

Application: Have you encountered situations where others wanted you to stop worshiping Jesus? Could Jesus's exchange here with the Pharisees help encourage us to keep praising him even when others want us to stop?

5. In verses 41-44, how would you describe Jesus's heart toward Jerusalem? Why does he have such emotion toward the city and its people?

Application: Think about your own city, whether it's Thornton, Erie, or Boulder. What do you think Jesus's heart is toward it, and in what ways do you think our church is expressing that heart?

Building Christ-centered communities of people fully devoted to loving God and loving others.

6. Looking at verse 42, what is Jesus's desire for Jerusalem and all of Israel? What kept them from experiencing it?

Application: How do we pursue these things today that Israel failed to pursue then?

NOTE: Verses 43-44 refer to the fall of Jerusalem. Commentator Darrel Bock explains it this way:

“In A.D. 70, Titus of Rome overran the city. The final act was a great siege, the essence of which Jesus summarizes here. Anyone who knows how Rome took large cities can describe what Jesus does here. His prophetic insight is his understanding of what their rejection of the Messiah will cost them.”

Darrell L. Bock, *Luke*, ed. Terry C. Muck, [The NIV Application Commentary](#). (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1996), 495.