



The Day the King Came to Town

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LUKE 19:29-40

SERMON NOTES - MARCH 28, 2021

BIG IDEA:

Christ's strength is brought to completion when it shows itself through human weakness. Personal success and self-sufficiency obscure God's work. When there is no adversity, Jesus' power can be overlooked or taken for granted. Obvious weakness shows Jesus' power in full relief. The Passion of Jesus Christ, in the crucifixion, caused something profound to be accomplished. The Cross meant that the world's glorification of power, might and status was exposed and defeated. On the Cross, Christ wins through losing, triumphs through defeat, achieves power through weakness.

SCRIPTURES:

- Matthew: Chapters 5-7
- Luke 19:28-40
- 2 Corinthians 12:9-11
- Colossians 1:19-22

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What caused the early church to be so much more forgiving, generous, & welcoming compared to their pagan neighbors?
- How does the Kingdom of God differ from the kingdoms of this world?
- As you approach Good Friday, what is in your life that you want to leave behind?
- What do you think it means to discover strength through weakness?
- Have there been hardships in your life that led to somewhere or something greater?

