

## Finding Peace in the Mess Luke 19:28-48

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### ***The Context***

- **Jesus on his final journey into Jerusalem**
- **The need for a donkey – why?**
  - re-affirms his claim to be **God and King**
  - fulfills **Zechariah 9:9-10 (and 12:10)**
- **Cloaks on the road – acknowledging Jesus as King**
- **Singing Psalm 118:26 – composed for the return of a victorious King**
- **The Pharisees call Jesus ‘teacher’ - they do not believe he is King or Lord.**

**In the midst of the mess of Palm Sunday, Jesus has come to bring peace: *“If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace – but now it is hidden from your eyes.”* Luke 19:42**

- 1. The Mess of Mixed Expectations (35-38)**
  - **The collision of different world views**
  - **Worshipping God out of self-interest**
- 2. The Mess of Hateful Opposition (39, 47)**
  - **Disorienting and distracting**
  - **We focus on the people who hate us rather than the God who loves us**

### **3. The Mess of a Future Gone Wrong (43-44)**

- **Jesus prophesies what will take place in Jerusalem...and it does in 70 AD**
- **The Jewish Revolt ends in utter destruction**
- **What about your future?**

### **4. The Mess of Today's Reality (45-48)**

- **A religious system run amok – it's all wrong!**
- **Relationship with God turned into a business venture**
- **What about your current reality?**

### **The Peace of Jesus**

**What is this peace that Jesus brings?**

**How does Jesus bring us peace?**

**How can I get this peace?**

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### **Things to Think About:**

**What overwhelms you?**

**What worries you?**

**What/Who do you have faith in?**

**Does that faith translate into peace? Why?**

**As you look into the future, what do you see?**

**Have you got peace?**

**Join us this week for our interactive prayer experience at the Ministry Centre as we reflect on what Jesus did for us on the cross.**

**Get peace.**

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