

## The Triumphant Entry

Luke 19: 28-48

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### Intro

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This is Palm Sunday, the day we celebrate the Triumphant Entry of Christ into Jerusalem.

This is one of the most important days of Christ's life, because it is the fulfillment of awesome prophecies.

- Zechariah 9: 9 Behold, your King is coming to you...
- Psalm 118: 22-26 Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
- Dan 9: 24-27 The exact number of days for the Messiah; 173,880 days by the Babylonian calendar.

But it's also a day that he gives awesome prophecy. (Vs 43-44)

**It's also a day that about us, it has great application.**

He came that day as our Champion, also.

**Illus**—He comes into Jerusalem like an innocent Lamb to the slaughter, and if we were standing by and watching we would have called, "Watch out, it's a trap! They want to hurt you!"

Yet Jesus comes into Jerusalem with complete confidence, because God's will is being accomplished through the plots against Him.

**Illus – James Stewart of Scotland wrote...(see page 4).**

## I. He Comes as the Champion of Peace.

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A. If they had only known the things which make for peace.

- Peace with God was made through Christ.
- They thought He had come to make war, but instead it was for peace.

B. Why does He weep?

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- The same reason that God hates sin.
- Because of how it separates people from God and damages their lives.

## II. We Also Need a Champion.

...Because we're a lot like those there. We can relate to Peter. He shows us why we all need a Champion.

Vs

A. Over Confidence.

- Matt 26:33, "Even though all may fall away because of You, I will never fall away."
- Pride is the problem we all face.

- Vs 22: 39-46      B. Lacking in Prayer.
- The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.
  - Yet prayer is the very thing that keeps us close to God.
- Vs 22: 47-53      C. Reacting In the flesh.
- We should assume Peter is not as good with a sword as Zorro.
  - What if Peter would have taken off his head?
- Vs 22: 54      D. Following at a Distance.
- Many Christians find themselves doing this.
  - A place where we are most miserable.
- Vs 22:55      E. Warming ourselves by the World's Fire.

**James Stewart of Scotland wrote...**

**It is a glorious phrase, "He led captivity captive." The very triumph of His foes, it means, He used for their defeat. He compelled their dark achievements to be subservient to His ends, not theirs.**

**They nailed Him to a cross, not guessing that he would make it a throne. They flung Him outside the gates to die, not knowing that in that very moment they were lifting up the gates of the universe, to let the King of Glory come in. They thought to root out His doctrines, not understating that they were implanting imperishably in the hearts of men the very name they intended to destroy.**

**They thought they had God with His back to the wall, pinned and helpless and defeated; they did not know that it was God Himself who had tracked them down. He did not conquer in *spite* of the dark mystery of evil. He conquered through it.**

Conclusion
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**He was indeed a Champion. And what did he come to conquer? The real enemy of us all... sin.**

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