

DAILY READINGS

Sunday	Luke 19:28-40
Monday	Matthew 21:1-10; Psalm 42; Proverbs 6:34-35
Tuesday	Mark 11:1-10; Psalm 43; Proverbs 7:1-4
Wednesday	John 12:12-19; Psalm 44:1-6; Proverbs 7:5-7
Thursday	Isaiah 53:1-12; Psalm 44:7-16; Proverbs 7:8-10
Friday	Zechariah 9:9-13; Psalm 44:17-26; Proverbs 7:11-13
Saturday	Hebrews 12:1-11; Psalm 45:1-7; Proverbs 7:14-17

DEVOTIONAL: READ LUKE 19:28-40

When Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time, it looked much different than how a king would normally make his appearance. Typically, a king would arrive with military power and a fancy chariot, showing his greatness to all. Yet, Jesus chose to ride on a donkey. The Jewish people expected a mighty warrior-king. However, Jesus chose to humble Himself.

Even at this time, Jesus was fulfilling prophecy from hundreds of years before: “Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey... He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth” (Zechariah 9:9-10).

Until now, Jesus had mostly referred to Himself as “the Son of Man,” and had kept His title as “King” and “Messiah” guarded, revealing it only to a few. If

Jesus had previously told everyone publicly that He was the Messiah, the one that Israel had awaited for centuries, the political implications would have made it difficult for His intended ministry of teaching, healing, and proclaiming the Kingdom.

Finally, in this passage, we see Jesus openly reveal that He is the Messiah! He was not riding on a warhorse surrounded by angels, but on a donkey with a large band of disciples loudly shouting, “Blessed is the King!” This was the beginning of Jesus’ final week and the height of Jesus’ earthly ministry before darkness began to close around Him, leading to His crucifixion. All of Israel’s history had pointed toward this single, spectacular event when the Messiah publicly presented Himself to the nation. Jesus was not crucified for His good works; He was killed for His claim to kingship. Rejoice greatly and shout; our righteous King has come!

REFLECTION

Why did Jesus wait until the last week of His life to be so open about being the Messiah? Why, at that time, was His claim to kingship so important?

Is Jesus king of your life? How will you respond to the King of kings today?

How are you walking in humility and committing to Jesus in this season of Lent?

DISCUSSION

If you were to use one word to describe Jesus, what would that be?

PRAYER

Jesus Christ, You are my triumphant King, my worthy Lord, my greatest Prize. Everything good in my life has come from You, for You are the Giver of all grace. I bow down in humble praise and worship to You. Yet, even in my prostrate posture, I remember that it was You who so willingly stooped down to us, modeling the highest standard of service.

Jesus, You are the humble Servant who is worthy of all praise. You came in all humility to live sinless as a man and to die on the cross on my behalf. Help me to glorify You as the one true King by living each day for Your Kingdom.

Jesus, all I have is Yours. All I am is Yours. All I want is You. Jesus, help me see You for who You are. Your worth is profound; help me to understand it. Your glory is magnificent; help me to behold it. Your hand is humble; help me to know it. Reveal Yourself more to me every day and lead me to respond in worship. Amen.