

LifeGroup Study SheetMarch 26th and 29th, 2026: Luke 19:28-44 – Palm Sunday

This guide is designed to give helpful hints in preparing for your group discussion.

Quick Review

Look back from your sermon notes – Was there anything that particularly challenged you from this sermon? Anything you didn't understand, agree with or connect with?

Introduction

What's the most excited you've ever been to welcome someone and how did you celebrate?

(Maybe a friend visiting from out of town, a family member coming home, or even a favorite musician/athlete arriving in your city!)

Digging In

Question 1: Read Luke 19:28-44. We see in this passage what is known as the Triumphal Entry, Jesus' ride into Jerusalem before he would be crucified. The crowd cheers for a king, but what kind of king were they expecting, and how does Jesus subvert that expectation? **How does this passage show the humility of Jesus?** Luke deliberately frames the entry on a colt, an echo of Zechariah 9:9, a king who comes "righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey." This does NOT picture what Jewish people thought they were waiting for! In what ways do we still project our own expectations onto what we think Jesus should be like? How have you wanted him to "fix" circumstances on your terms instead of what His plan is? Where might Jesus be disrupting your expectations of what following him should look like right now?

What's different about a king on a donkey versus a king on a horse?

Read John 6:14-15. The crowd tries to make Jesus king by force and He withdraws. What does that tell us about his mission?

Question 2: Read Luke 19:36-38. The crowd spread their cloaks on the road before Jesus. This was a personal, costly act of honor. **In this passage we see the honoring of Jesus.** What does this gesture reveal about true worship, and what does it look like to "lay something down" before King Jesus today? What is something that you can think of today, whether it be a comfort, a plan, a reputation, a preference, that you are being invited to lay down before Jesus? Is your posture toward that surrender more like reluctant obligation, or like the disciples here: joyful, because of who you know Him to be?

Read Mark 10:17-22. The rich young ruler could not lay down his possessions before Jesus. Place it side by side with the crowd laying their cloaks down willingly. What's the difference between these two responses? What did the disciples have that the rich young ruler didn't? How about you?

Question 3: Read Luke 19:41-44. We see at the end of this passage that Jesus is literally weeping over the people of Jerusalem. **In this passage we see the humanity of Jesus.** Jesus weeps over Jerusalem and says she did not know "the things that make for peace" (v. 42). What is the peace He came to bring, and why does its rejection carry such weight?

The Greek word for "peace" here (*eirēnē*) which translates the Hebrew "shalom" — a comprehensive wholeness covering political, relational, and spiritual flourishing. Jesus is not merely offering a spiritual transaction; he is the embodiment of the peace that Israel's prophets promised would come when God returned to dwell with his people (**Isaiah 52, Ezekiel 37**). But the people completely missed Him and His reason for coming! He came to bring the TRUE peace we desperately need.

Are there areas of your own life, a relationship, a habit, a mindset, where you sense Jesus is offering a peace you haven't yet received? Do you not have peace in a certain area of your life because you are still in control of the results? What might "not recognizing the time of visitation" look like in your everyday life?

Read Romans 5:1-2. According to this passage, how do we obtain true peace? Why does true peace with God only come through the person of Jesus Christ?

Application

1. Don't miss **who** Jesus is.
2. Don't miss **why** Jesus came.

Praise / Prayer Requests

Pray for your group with these things in mind:

Adoration – How can I praise God for what this teaches me?

Confession – What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving – How can I thank God for what Jesus has done?

Supplication – What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?