To Seek and Save #2 “The King Comes” Luke 19: 28-40

**Intro**: Two planned processions entered Jerusalem for Passover.

* An Imperial procession entered the crowded city from the west, Pontius Pilate, Roman Governor, coming from Caesarea to keep the peace. He despised and distrusted the Jews and he entered with a show of force: Horses, helmets, golden medallions and steel weapons; drums, hoofs and heels… All designed to send the message --- ***Don’t Mess with Rome***!
* The second procession entered from the East, it was a different kind of parade. Actually, it was kind of comical in comparison. We read about it in the Gospel of Luke.

Jesus planned his parade as carefully as Pilate. He enters in a way designed to send a clear message. Let’s dig into the Word and Discover that message today.

**Luke 19: 28-40** (Read)

**I am the Savior King.**

Exp – Maybe the Most unambiguous self-identification as Messiah.

Jesus planned His own parade to declare, ***I am the Savior King***! Parade is Filled with echoes and allusions to OT Prophecies. **Just three:**

1. ***Donkey*** – Zechariah 9:9 – *Rejoice Jerusalem! You king is coming; He brings Justice and He is Humble, He comes to Save us. He will be riding on a Donkey* (Peace, not War).

Whose idea was it to ride into Jerusalem on a Donkey?

1. ***Psalm 118*** sung by crowds was about the King; Messiah.

An end times deliverer… Stone, rejected, Cornerstone

**Vs. 38** – Luke adds “**King**” for his gentile readers.

Pharisees understood significance and called for Rebuke

1. **Lord** – Luke uses ***kurios***, Lord, for Jesus and YHWH.

**Vs. 31, 34 & 38** (explain)

15 times in Luke…. Jesus is Lord! He is God with Us.

**Ill** – Prepare for National News Magazines and TV coverage at Easter

 Who is Jesus Really? Who WAS Jesus? (Red Flag!)

 “***Was***” = He is Dead. and, His true identity has shifted.

* Really just a good teacher from Galilee; or religious, social and political reformer executed and remade by disciples.

**App** – Problem with that…. ***Bible***. Palm Sunday Parade!

 I Am the Savior King… Messiah.

* A challenge to Rome’s Claim… Caesar is Lord.
* A disappointment to Jewish Expectation… Humble.

**I Am Here to Die.**

**Exp –** Last week, Jesus very aware of plans/desire to kill Him.

 **Luke 18:31-33** – *handed over to Romans…. Crucified*.

 He did not slip into town secretly… ***Parade and Praise***!

 Donkey, not stallion; Not the Tower, but the ***Temple***!

**ILL** – **Psalm 118: 26-27** – Used in Temple Worship at Passover

*The arms of the altar became the arms of the cross, and the festival itself found fulfillment in Christ our Passover*. Kidner

**App** – Jesus is the Savior King Who laid down His life for you. (cross)

**You Have a Decision to Make.**

**Exp** – Luke highlights three common responses to Jesus.

***A Small number of Disciples Praised Him as Messiah***

 **Vs. 37** – Who praised Him as Messiah of Psalm 118?

 The Crowd…. All of Passover (**250,000**)

 The Crowd ***of His Disciples***… maybe a few hundred?

 I imagine far more watch Pilate’s Parade.

 **Ill** – I walked from Olivet to Jerusalem one Palm Sunday.

 (Here to Memorial… down and up)

* Group of Eastern European came past with Palm branches, maybe 25, singing “*blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord, hosanna*.”… Cool; they were gone in five minutes… crowd went on about their business.

***A small group of Leaders Actively Opposed and Rejected Him.***

 **Vs. 39-40** – Pharisees knew the significance of Ps. 118

 *Jesus embraces and approves of their Praise*! (appropriate)

 **Jesus warns** the experts of OT… Pharisees knew prophets!

 Hab. 2:11 – Stones crying out as witnesses on the

Day of Judgment… **Praise or Judgment**!

***Most People in Jerusalem simply Ignored Jesus.***

Jesus wept for them and promised Judgment

Tell the Story of **vs. 41-44**

 You did not acknowledge the opportunity when He

 ***Visited*** you…. Judgment is Coming!

**App** – You Have a Decision to Make… Cornerstone or Reject!

 Praise Him as Lord or Suffer Judgment.