



Key References:

Luke 19:28–40 (ESV)

²⁸ And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’ ” ³² So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. ³³ And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴ And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” ³⁵ And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸ saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” ³⁹ And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” ⁴⁰ He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

Zechariah 9:9 (ESV)

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

“Sometimes we ask for growth and he answers with rain. Sometimes we ask for oak trees and he answered with acorns. When he comes into our circumstances will we miss it because we want our ways and not his ways?” – Nathan on Sunday

1 – NOT GETTING WHAT YOU EXPECTED

What’s your worst experience of ordering something online and getting a representation of that item?

Nathan shared a story of two of his wife Megan’s births. One that went according to plan at home and one that was very different. **Why did Nathan share these stories when teaching about Jesus’ triumphal entry? Do you have any parallels in your own life?**

Nathan said: *“The people in that time had a picture of the way that Jesus should come”*. **In what way did the people of the time expect the Messiah to come and rescue them?**

2 – CROWDS & DONKIES

Read Luke 19:28-34. Nathan mentioned a few donkey facts on Sunday. **What do you remember? What did Jesus riding in on a donkey instead of a horse signify?**

Read Luke 19:35-38. **What do you know about why these crowds welcomed him in this way and where did they go a week later?**

3 – COMING TO BE REJECTED

Read Luke 19:39-40. **Why did the Pharisees ask Jesus to rebuke his disciples in v39? What did Nathan say about the political climate between the Romans & the Pharisees at the time, and why did this contribute to Jesus’ arrest?**

Read Luke 19:41-44. **Why was Jesus weeping over Jerusalem? How do you understand what Jesus said in v42-44?**

4 – PACKAGING THE MESSIAH

God’s people were expecting the Messiah to come in a different package. **What packaging do we put on Jesus, informed by our western worldview, that might be incorrect?**

How do we find the real Jesus stripped of all man-made packaging?

Read the quote from Nathan on the left. **How do we miss what God is up to in our circumstances?**