

## STUDY QUESTIONS CONT'D

9. We have an opportunity to set our lives on a new, right course. How can we do that as we celebrate Easter this year?

10. Who can you share these truths with this week?

## WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

The word “gospel” means “good news.” The Gospel, or good news, of Jesus Christ is that He did what no one could ever do. You see, God loves us, but ever since Adam and Eve sinned against God, every human being has sinned and therefore cannot come into God’s presence because He is holy and perfect. As much as we try, we cannot bridge the gap to God because of our sinful nature. We can never be good enough to reach God. Good works, religion, philosophy and morality all fall short of God’s perfection.

God loves us so much that He sent His Own Son, Jesus Christ, to bridge the gap (John 3:16). Jesus did what no one else could ever do, because He is both God and human, born to Mary. He took upon Himself the punishment we deserve, dying on the cross in our place. Now, through a relationship with Jesus Christ, we can come before a holy God. That is the good news! We enter a relationship with Jesus by placing our faith and trust in Him and Him alone for our salvation. Do you have a relationship with Jesus Christ?

The good news doesn’t end there. Not only can we have eternal life through Jesus, but we also now can live without being condemned because of sin. Jesus paid the price for our sins, and He lives within those who have placed their trust in Him. In Christ, not only have we secured our future in eternity with God, but we have the Holy Spirit living in us to help us today to live for Christ. For more information on how to know God, check our website at [www.gbcmilescity.com](http://www.gbcmilescity.com).



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## SERMON NOTES

### THE COURAGE AND STRENGTH OF JESUS SEEN AS RIDING INTO JERUSALEM

Luke 19:28-31

*<sup>28</sup> When He had said this, He went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup> And it came to pass, when He drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mountain called Olivet, that He sent two of His disciples, <sup>30</sup> saying, “Go into the village opposite you, where as you enter you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Loose it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> And if anyone asks you, ‘Why are you loosing it?’ thus you shall say to him, ‘Because the Lord has need of it.’”*  
(Luke 19:28-31)

How would the people respond to that?

- Some with laughter.
- Some with anger.
- Some with joy.
- Some had seen the miracles and listened, and their lives had been changed.

Jesus rides toward the gates of the city.

- Even before Jesus arrives the news had spread of Lazarus being raised.
- Jesus must have seen a mixture of expressions on their faces. (Luke 19:28-40)
  - Those who loved Him
  - Faces waiting for Him to say one wrong word
  - The crowds thronged Jesus (vs. 37)

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Suddenly the whole procession stopped.

- But the closest to Jesus could see.
- The scripture tells us that Jesus reacted emotionally.

Why was Jesus crying?

- Jesus said “I didn’t come for that purpose. I came for a more excellent way.
- The nation Israel had the opportunity to show Rome something new and different.
- What a contrast that Jesus sees – the city, especially the Temple stones being taken down and the whole city leveled

*<sup>41</sup> Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, <sup>42</sup> saying, “If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. <sup>43</sup> For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, <sup>44</sup> and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation.” (Luke 19:41-44)*

## STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Why is today called Palm Sunday? (See Matthew 21:8)
2. When Jesus rode into Jerusalem, it has been referred to as the “Triumphal Entry.” If Jesus ultimately dies on the cross, why is it triumphant?
3. Why were the people celebrating?
4. They were treating Jesus as they would a king. Why, then did the people later reject Him and yell, “crucify Him?”
5. Why did Jesus cry over Jerusalem?
6. What did Jesus say would happen to the city?
7. What was this visitation that Jesus spoke of that the people missed?
8. How are we like the people in Jesus day?

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