



## "JESUS' PARADE OF FRIENDS"

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*Luke 19:28-48*

### INTRODUCTION:

Some people are better at planning celebrations than others. Some just show up at the right time, some fret about details, others get angry if they discover they are not invited.

On this Palm Sunday, we get to see all the different groups of Jesus "friends" gathered in one place at the same time. Throughout the encounter, Jesus remains true to his purpose, his mission and highlights who are his true friends.

### BACKGROUND:

The account of the Triumphal Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem is included in all four gospels. Entering this last week of Jesus' earthly life, his vision stays steadfast on his appointed purpose- providing the sacrifice for salvation by his death on the cross. This is culmination of prophecies, his teachings, and God's plan outlined in scripture from the beginning (Genesis 3:15).

On this day, we see the coming together of all the "friends" Jesus has met along the way, and begin to see what their future will be.

On this day we see....

### JESUS' \_\_\_\_\_ FRIENDS:

*"Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Unite it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" tell him, "The Lord needs it" (Luke 19:31).*

*"Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume" (John 12:1-3).*

- Am I a "prepared" friend of Jesus?

### JESUS' \_\_\_\_\_ FRIENDS:

*"As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. When they came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began to joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen" (Luke 19:36).*

*"Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. Many people, because they had heard that he had performed this sign, went out to meet him" (John 12:17-18).*

- Am I a friend who celebrates?

### JESUS' \_\_\_\_\_ FRIENDS:

*"As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city he wept over it and said, "If you, even you had only known on this day what would bring you peace- but is now hidden from your eyes. The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you, encircle you, and hem you in from every side....because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you" (Luke 19:42).*

*"This is what the Lord says: "I will return to Zion and dwell in Jerusalem. Then Jerusalem will be called the Faithful City, and the mountain of the Lord Almighty will be called the Holy Mountain." This is what the Lord Almighty says: "I will save my people from the countries of the east and the west. I will bring them back to live in Jerusalem; they will be my people, and I will be faithful and righteous to them as their God" (Zechariah 8:3-8).*

- Am I "lost" because I refuse to see Jesus?

### THIS WEEK OF REFLECTION:

- ✓ What kind of friend am I of Jesus?
- ✓ What kind of friend do I have around me?
- ✓ What will I do to change my friendship status with Christ, and theirs?