



A Different Kind of King

Luke 19:28-44

Read the text. These verses show that CHRIST is the King

...But "A Different Kind of King"

- ...than what we might expect
- ...than what the crowd wanted
- ...than any other kind of king. (show you that in 7 ways)

1. A King Intent to DIE (28)

There's this incredible foreshadowing of something BIG which is going to happen in Jerusalem

Luke 19:28 *After He had said these things, He was going on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.*

Back up and See this Theme Build in Luke

Luke 9:30-31 *...two men were talking with Him; and they were Moses and Elijah, ³¹ who, appearing in glory, were speaking of His departure which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.*

Luke 9:51 *He was determined to go to Jerusalem;...*

Luke 13:22 *And He was passing through from one city and village to another, teaching, and proceeding on His way to Jerusalem.*

Luke 17:11 *While He was on the way to Jerusalem, He was passing between Samaria and Galilee.*

Luke isn't just giving us a travel log, with geographic observations, like directions and mile markers. He's NOT just being geographically descriptive. He's saying something about Christ's intentions. He's foreshadowing the rest of the story.

Jesus has been explicit that he's going to DIE – and this is what is meant by "going to Jerusalem"

Luke 9:22-23 *The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed and be raised up on the third day." ²³ And He was saying to them all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me.*

Luke 9:44-46 *Let these words sink into your ears; for the Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men." ⁴⁵ But they did not understand this statement, and it was concealed from them so that they would not perceive it; and they were afraid to ask Him about this statement. ⁴⁶ An argument started among them as to which of them might be the greatest.*

Luke 13:33-34 *Nevertheless I must journey on today and tomorrow and the next day; for it cannot be that a prophet would perish outside of Jerusalem. ³⁴ "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those sent to her!*

Luke 17:24-25 *...so will the Son of Man be in His day [second coming]. But first He must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.*

You see the TWO foreshadowing THEMES come together in Lk 18 (IE, Jerusalem = suffering)

Luke 18:31-33 Then He took the twelve aside and said to them, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and all things which are written through the prophets about the Son of Man will be accomplished. ³² "For He will be handed over to the Gentiles, and will be mocked and mistreated and spit upon, ³³ and after they have scourged Him, they will kill Him; and the third day He will rise again."

Now we're in a position to Understand Luke 19:28 – how the section for today begins.

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V 28 is Luke **reminding** us where he's **going** and **why**. He's on a **mission**, which **culminates** (not "ends" but "culminates") in his own death. **HE IS INTENT TO DIE.**

- **Not suicide**, but an **agreed mission**.

- It can be explained with the phrase "*laid down his life*" as the apostle **John** uses it.

John 10:17-18 I lay down My life so that I may take it again. ¹⁸ "No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again.

John 15:13 Greater love has no one than this, that one lay his life for his friends.

1 John 3:16 We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us

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Romans 5:7-8 For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:9 having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.

2. A King Who OWNS it All (29-34)

...including some dude's donkey (colt = donkey)

He can take it, because he truly owns it.

It's like a king **requisitioning** this or that from his people for his kingdom's greater need.

Jesus is **NOT STEALING** here.

- He tells the owner that he's taking it.
- The guy will get it back (acc to Mk 11).

It's not stealing, ...**BUT IT IS RATHER KINGLY.**

- He **doesn't ask** if he can take it first. He's the king.
- He has the disciples **start to take** and **then explain** if anyone asks.

Jesus is a king who's rule knows no boundaries. It doesn't matter that it's a donkey in the next town.

He KNOWS MORE than any other earthly king.

Don't miss HOW Jesus instructs the disciples to go get the donkey. It hints at his **OMNISCIENCE**.

- He doesn't just have the right to take it; he **KNOWS WHERE IT IS** *without having been there*.
 - Luke **tells us** this **on purpose**, I think. Notice **V 30** - "go into the village *ahead of you...*" That means, 'go in the direction we're eventually going, but haven't gone yet.'
 - It would be **much less remarkable** if Jesus had **just gone** through that city, and directed the disciples **back** to it - 'I remember passing a donkey on the way; go back and get it.' He doesn't do that.
 - He tells them where a donkey will be tied, even though he wasn't just there.
- And he tells them that it's a donkey which has '*never been sat on*' !!!

What must have been the disciples' response when all this was just as he said????

→ So this is **no ordinary man**. This is no **mere good teacher**. This guy is no **self-convinced messiah**.

Doesn't this **remind us** that if he knows of a certain donkey at a certain place, **he knows me**.

He knows all my **ACTIONS**, all my **THOUGHTS**, all my **SINS**, all my **FEARS** and **HOPES**.

- **John 1** - Jesus says to Nathaniel "I saw you under the fig tree before your brother came to you."
- **Lk 11** - "he knew their thoughts"

He **owns** it all. He **knows** it all. →

And yet, on the other hand, it says something about Jesus' **POVERTY** and **HUMILITY** that,

...**in one sense, he has to BORROW a donkey**. He doesn't have one. He's homeless. He's broke. He's not a king with a barn, and an animal care-takers

He OWNS it ALL. And yet he OWNS NOTHING. This is our king.

3. A King of HUMILITY and PEACE

Jesus, entering the city in this little parade, is to be like a **kingly coronation**. That's obvious to anyone who knows much of biblical cultures.

But this king's coronation march is **NOT symbolized** by *might*, with *strength*, with *beauty*, with *majesty* ...as we might expect.

The DONKEY is the key.

Not on a **steed** which symbolized **strength** – donkey symbolized his weakness.

Not a **war horse** to symbolize **conquest**.

Donkey to symbolize **peace**.

Donkey symbolized him coming as a **servant** – a “beast of burden”.

Donkey’s are **servants**, and they are the **animals of servants**.

Mark 10:45 the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many

When he comes again, it will be different acc to **Rev 19** – he’ll be on a white horse, a horse for battle.

But that is not yet. First he must come in *humility, poverty, meakness, servantry, peace, gentleness*.

What king is like this king? What king is glorified in servantry?

4. A King of MIRACLES (37)

READ v 37

- They had just been in Bethany, where Laz had been raised from the dead a couple years ago.

- Jesus has just recently been staying with Mary and Martha (the sisters of Laz)...acc to Mt

- We know that Jesus had also healed a leper in Bethany.

→ Now, news of miracles had **spread and spread**, and there’s **something of a frenzy building**.

A **big part** of the growing frenzy about his miracles has to be **not just** what they **DO**, but what they **SIGNIFY** (what they mean). They are **part of the fulfillment** of God’s plan coming together in one person, a Messiah.

No king is like this. No king can overturn sickness, cast out demons, bring back to life, etc.

5. A King of FULFILLMENT (38)

READ v 38

Their praise (38) is clearly MESSIANIC.

- This Jesus is the one who **Psa 118** spoke of.
- He is the one who come to *heal the blind, set free the captives (Lk 7)*.

There are OTHER WAYS that Lk 19 shows him FULFILLING PROPHECY...

- *There are at least 2 OT ref's to a future king of God's people coming on a DONKEY*

Genesis 49:9-11 *Judah is a lion's whelp... He couches, he lies down as a lion, And as a lion, who dares rouse him up? ¹⁰ The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor the ruler's staff from between his feet... ¹¹ He ties his foal to the vine, And his **donkey's colt** to the choice vine; He washes his garments in wine, And his robes in the blood of grapes.*

Zechariah 9:9 *Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; He is just and endowed with salvation, Humble, and mounted on a donkey, Even on a colt, the foal of a donkey.*

Zech 9 begins with a prophecy of judgment – judgment on Israel's enemies

- *The geographic ref to "mount of olives" (v 28) might be an allusion to Zech 14:4*

Zechariah 14:3-4 *Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fights on a day of battle. ⁴ In that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east...*

→ Gen 49, Zech 9, Zech 14 - themes of a *king, a donkey, salvation, and judgment.*

It's important to see that the praise of the people is SO RIGHT and yet SO WRONG.

- **It's right** because they see Jesus as their king, messiah, the promised one – and they praise him!

- **It's wrong** because they see Jesus coming to bring **judgment to Rome**, to conquer the bad guys.

- They haven't heard or haven't understand **Luke 5:31-32 (READ)**.
- They don't **get the donkey**.
- They don't **understand** all the hints about **what's going to happen in Jerusalem**.
- They think **their basic problem** is **OUT THERE, OUTSIDE OF THEMSELVES**.
- **Yes, Jesus is putting the world a right**, and that will one day be societal, cultural, etc.,
...but it has to start with **individuals**.

6. A King to be UNIVERSALLY PRAISED (37-40)

Their praise (37b-38) is *loud, exuberant, biblical*.

The concern of the Pharisees (39) is that it is **blasphemous** to accept this kind of praise. We talked about that last week – that God's servants discourage worship, but not Jesus....b/c he's God. S

Jesus's response (40) takes it up a notch (often does). He not only says that this kingly praise is right; he says that rocks would praise him if the people didn't.

A question of "Messiah" (Pharisees)

A question of divinity (Jesus)

He's not just the **king of Israel** or the **long-awaited Messiah**,

He's the king of all **creation** – ie, he's saying that he's I'm God

"if I willed it, rocks would know that I'm their creator God and they would praise me."

Parts of the OT painted the picture of the "last days" as having singing mtns and clapping trees.

Psalm 96:12-13 *Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy ¹³ Before the LORD, for He is coming, For He is coming to judge the earth.*

Isaiah 55:12 *The mountains and the hills will break forth into shouts of joy before you, And all the trees of the field will clap their hands.*

- **Rom 8** tells us that **creation groans** waiting for the redemption/restoration that comes at the end of the age. One day the **curse will be lifted** and **heaven and earth will be one**.
- This has **already started** with the **coming the king**, Jesus.
- The **rocks are ready to cry out** in recognition of this age when God unites himself to his creation, and brings in its restoration.
- IE, Jesus' reply to the Pharisees so perfectly, so succinctly says that he is the Messiah, the long-awaited time has come. In fact, God himself has come down to usher in age where heaven begins to kiss earth. If he willed it, Jesus would have creation cry out in joyful response to these new realities.

Jesus is THE KING, the Messiah. And He's God. So he is to be universally praised.

- He is **not shy** about this. He is a **public** king. He says "*crown me or crucify me.*"

- He is not **silent**. He is not **secretive**. He is, in fact, *in your face* about this.

7. A King of LAMENT ... and JUDGMENT (41-44)

Jesus laments Jerusalem's unbelief (42) and then he announces their judgment (43-46).

Judgment in fact was coming not to the Romans, but to the religious leaders.

- The **OLD** must be destroyed as part of establishing the **NEW**.

What **MAKES** for PEACE (42)?

Not the **Temple**

Not **military conquest**
Not **throwing off Roman oppression**
Not even **unifying the masses** around some great cause

Here's how the Apostle PAUL ANSWERS that QUESTION

- **Ephesians 2:14-15** *For He Himself is our peace,... abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances,... thus establishing peace...*
- **Colossians 1:19-20** *For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, ²⁰ and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross...*

TWO THEMES in Luke 19 now more clearly come together

- He entered the city in a coronation of his kingship. He is the king, the Messiah.
- And he entered the city like Luke has been hinting at, in order to die.

CLOSE with SOME QUESTIONS

What is your response to Jesus?

You'd rather have a king of your own making? A savior of your own making?

A God and king who doesn't have to die?

Who gives more physical, practical help to me and my problems?

You OK with a God who smashes your idols?

A king who is this lowly? A king so intent to die? So willing to be ridiculed?

If this is your king, then your response must be:

FAITH

OBEDIENCE

PRAISE

Next Week's Text

Luke 24



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Study Helps and Application

How does one *apply* the greatness and majesty of our God and King Jesus Christ? Our focus this Holy week will be to recognize, acknowledge, and worship King Jesus for who he really is and discern what our response ought to be to Him.

Discussion 1: Intent to Die? We tend to view the murder of Jesus Christ as a tragedy.

In many ways it was, but let's focus on the bigger picture. Ryan used Luke 9:30-31; Luke 9:51; 13:22 and 17:11 to reveal what "going up to Jerusalem" meant. ***Review these as needed.***

– ***Read and discuss what these additional texts reveal about Jesus' intent.***

^{ESV} **Mark 8:31** And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again.

[This was a turning point in Jesus' earthly ministry immediately following Peter's confession of Jesus as the Christ. Notice here he "began" teaching this... implying a consistent message.]

^{ESV} **John 2:19** Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰ The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹ But he was speaking about the temple of his body.

[Not only does Jesus fulfill prophecy (later discussion) he makes more prophetic statements that he also fulfills.]

^{ESV} **John 10:14** I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

[Again we get the plan laid out... ending with the source of Jesus' charge.]

^{ESV} **Acts 2:22** "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know-- ²³ this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.

[Peter, newly empowered by the Holy Spirit, boldly proclaims *both* God's intent *and* mans culpability!]

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Read and discuss Zechariah 9:9. [Relate this to the "God of Fulfillment " (v. 38) point in the sermon. The fulfillment of a humble and peaceful entry.]

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– **Contrast this with the next time we find him riding in:**

^{ESV} **Revelation 19:11** Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. ¹² His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. ¹³ He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. ¹⁴ And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. ¹⁵ From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. ¹⁶ On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

[Try not to get caught up in a lot of speculation about the allegorical language here. One thing that comes through clearly is that the Lamb has become the Lion and is in full victory and glory at the appointed time. All was and is according to God's gracious plan. How do you view Jesus now? The Lamb's mission is complete and it is the Lion sitting at the right hand of God the Father. We need to rid ourselves of the idea of a "Jesus we could beat up" (helpless hippy standing at the door of your heart knocking...) and understand that we have a King of Kings "big enough to worship."]

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^{ESV} **Colossians 1:19** For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

[Consider picking readers who will put some passion into it... perhaps assigning them to people in advance so that they can prepare...]

- *Have someone read Psalm 98--note how often "salvation" is mentioned and how even nature gets into the act (like the stones in v. 40)*

[Encourage everyone to quietly meditate on what is being read.]

- *Have someone read Psalm 96--and remember this is the one riding into Jerusalem on a lowly donkey...*

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Discussion 4: A King of lament and judgment...

- *Why was Jerusalem destroyed in judgment? (v.44)* [rejecting the God's messengers and ultimately the Messiah. Matt 23:37-38 states it strongly.]

Read how John summarizes Jesus' identity and rejection at the beginning of his gospel and then follows it with great news. Read John 1:1-3; 10-14 the great news begins in vs 12 with a "But ..."

^{ESV} **John 1:1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. ...¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ **He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.** ¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

- *Discuss the scope (to whom does it apply?) and extent (how far does it go?) of this good news.*

[Scope--Not just to the physical descendants of Abraham (physical Jews), but to the Gentiles as well (Rom 9:8; Gal 3:29; Rom 4:16). Extent--Those who do receive him become not only "forgiven sinners," but beloved children of the Living God.]

- *Rebirth According to John's Gospel -- "Pop quiz" (True or False):*

___ those "who did receive him" = those "who believed in his name" [T]

___ they were born of the will of flesh [F]

___ they were born of the will of man [F]

___ they were born of God [T - God is author and finisher of our faith]

[This makes it clear that neither physical birth nor ethnic descent nor human effort can make people children of God, but only God's supernatural work.]

Discussion 5: Closing Questions--Reflection

- *What is your response to Jesus?*

Will you fear him and repent & believe the gospel? [This isn't just for unbelievers, this is **not** an event; it is a lifestyle. Remember-- never assume people are saved, some of us can put on a great act.]

- *Would you rather have a king/savior of your own making?*

["I like to think of Jesus (or God) as..." is often how people will introduce you to the idol they have set up in their minds. This idol's name is: "Me, only better."]

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[A God who intentionally reveals Himself in His Word. *Will your response be faith (believing trust), obedience and praise?*]

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