

## Recognised by his own? Luke 19: 28 – 48 Growth Group Study

Intro question: What are some ways that we honour or recognise people who are important, or important to us?

E.g. A very important person, a sporting hero, a popular musician, a family member coming home.

This passage concerns whether Jesus will be recognised by his own people.

**Pray and read Luke 19:28-48.**

1. Read Zechariah 9:9-11. How does this inform what is happening on the Mount of Olives? What truth about Jesus are we supposed to see?

Jesus is fulfilling scripture by riding into Jerusalem on a colt. He is coming to his people as the King.

2. What does the king who comes bring with him (according to Zechariah and according to the song they sing v38)?

He comes to bring peace.

3. Tone: compare the two halves. How would you describe the difference in tone?

The first half is full of rejoicing at the King who comes. The second half has Jesus weeping and describes the coming judgement.

4. In v41-44 what is the cause of Jesus' weeping? What does this tell us about him?

Jesus weeps because the people do not recognise him. They do not recognise that he is the one who brings peace, and so judgement will come against them. This shows us Jesus' heart – he weeps even for those who are against him.

5. Who 'recognises' Jesus in the whole passage? And in what way do they recognise him?

The owners of the colt did not withhold it, but let his disciples take it. The disciples put Jesus on the colt, recognising his fulfillment of Zechariah's prophecy. The crowds praised God as Jesus came in verse 38. The stones would have cried out if the crowds did not.

6. Who does not recognise Jesus in the passage, and what shows this? (eg v45-47).

The Pharisees in v39 – they called for Jesus to rebuke his disciples. The chief priests, teachers of the law, and leaders among the people in verse 47 were trying to kill him.

7. Why is it important for them and for us to recognise him?

He is the only one who brings peace.

8. If we don't recognise him, what does this mean for him? What does this mean for us?

For him, he weeps for us. However, he is still King if we do not recognise him. For us it means we will face judgement.

9. What does recognising Jesus look like practically?

Connecting what the Old Testament teaches with Jesus; honouring him with your life and goods (and colts!); praising God for him in song and prayer and to others; weeping with what he weeps for: do we weep for unbelief? (we should - what does it say that we don't?); hanging off his words (as they do v48).

Prayer