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Worship Involves Surrender

Luke 19:28-44 (NLT) [36-38 listed below]

³⁶ As he rode along, the crowds spread out their garments on the road ahead of him. ³⁷ When he reached the place where the road started down the Mount of Olives, all of his followers began to shout and sing as they walked along, praising God for all the wonderful miracles they had seen. ³⁸ “Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in highest heaven!”

Sermon Summary:

Worship is not something we watch. Worship is something we bring. In this five-week journey through Scripture, we'll rediscover worship as the overflow of hearts captured by Jesus. We'll rediscover worship as our whole-life response to Jesus - shaped by who He is and what He has done. We'll see worship move from the heart into visible expression: love, repentance, celebration, surrender, and daily obedience.

5 fun, non-threatening Ice Breaker questions:

1. If you could have a crowd cheer you on for something ordinary you do (making coffee, driving, parenting, homework), what would you pick?
2. What's the most surprising “VIP” moment you've ever seen—someone important showing up somewhere unexpected?
3. Do you prefer big celebrations (parades/parties) or quiet meaningful moments—and why?
4. What's a time you totally misunderstood what someone meant, and it turned out funny (not painful)?
5. If your life had a “soundtrack,” what kind of music would play during your busiest day?

10 Objective Bible study questions (observation):

1. Where is Jesus going as this passage begins, and what stage of His journey is this? (v. 28)
2. What two places are mentioned as Jesus approaches Jerusalem? (v. 29)
3. What specific instructions does Jesus give two disciples about the colt? (vv. 30–31)
4. How do the disciples respond, and what happens when they get there? (vv. 32–34)
5. What do the disciples do with the colt once they bring it to Jesus? (v. 35)
6. As Jesus rides along, what do people do on the road? (v. 36)
7. Where does the praise intensify, and what are the disciples/people praising God for? (v. 37)
8. What exactly do they shout about Jesus? (v. 38)

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9. What do some Pharisees say to Jesus, and how does He answer? (vv. 39–40)
10. What does Jesus do as He nears Jerusalem, and what does He say will happen? (vv. 41–44)

7 Interpretive Questions (meaning):

1. Why might Jesus choose a colt to enter the city rather than walking or riding a warhorse? What message could that send? (vv. 30–35)
2. The crowd praises God for Jesus' miracles and calls Him "King." What kind of king do you think they expect—and how does Jesus' response complicate that expectation? (vv. 37–38, 41–44)
3. Why do the Pharisees want Jesus to silence the people? What might they be afraid of? (v. 39)
4. What does Jesus mean when He says, "If they kept quiet, the stones would cry out"? (v. 40)
5. Why does Jesus weep over Jerusalem in the middle of a moment that looks like celebration? What does that reveal about His heart? (v. 41)
6. Jesus says Jerusalem didn't recognize "God's opportunity." What do you think that phrase means in context? (v. 44)
7. How do Jesus' words about enemies, siege, and destruction function in Luke's story—warning, prophecy, lament, all of the above? (vv. 43–44)

7 Application questions (life response):

1. When you think about Jesus as King, what expectations do you bring (fix my problems, bless my plans, validate my views)? How might Jesus be challenging those?
2. The crowd praises Jesus loudly, but Jesus looks at the city and weeps. Where do you need Jesus' perspective—not just excitement or emotion?
3. What might it look like for you to "recognize God's opportunity" in your life right now (a conviction, a call to obey, a moment to reconcile, a step of faith)?
4. Are there ways you resist Jesus because following Him might be inconvenient, disruptive, or costly (like the Pharisees feared)? What's one honest example?
5. How do you respond when Jesus doesn't meet your expectations—do you drift, complain, control, or trust?
6. What would "peace" look like in your life right now (with God, in your home, in your relationships), and what step could you take toward it this week?
7. Who do you know that needs the compassion of Jesus—someone you can move toward with prayer, a conversation, or practical care?