

Resolute: A Focused Study of Luke
4.2.23

A Warm and Fearful Welcome

Luke 19: 28-44

Dinner Table Questions

This has been a hard week. No use beginning anywhere else than in sharing the heartbreak of what has happened at the Covenant School with a clear intention of being intentionally prayerful and of shouldering the weight of grief with and for one another.

What has this week been like for you?

Open Bible Questions

Read Luke 19:28-38.

- There are so many biblical connections between the details of this story recorded by Luke and the prophecies and stories of what we often refer to as the Old Testament. Let's consider a few.
 - o Luke mentions the Mount of Olives twice in this short section. What makes the Mount of Olives so significant?
 - Read Zechariah 14:4. What do you make of that connection?
 - Read also what Luke writes later about the Mount of Olives in Acts 1:11-12
 - o Luke leaves out many details in this story but seems to say much about this colt.
 - Read Zechariah 9:9. What is Luke trying to help us see here?
 - What might be significant about the detail that the colt had never been ridden?
 - Why is it significant that it was Jesus who sent them on ahead to find and bring this colt back?
 - o In 19:38 Luke records the crowds as quoting from Psalm 118:26 but they add a word...why is that significant?
 - Compare the second part of 19:38 with what the heavenly host proclaim at the birth of Jesus as recorded in Luke 2:14. How do those two proclamations differ? What do you make of that difference? Compare also 19:38 with what Jesus then says about Jerusalem in 19:41-42.

Read Luke 19:39-40.

- Why do you think the Pharisees respond as they do?
- What is the significance of Jesus' reply?

Read Luke 19:41-44.

- The crowds are joyful. Jesus weeps. Why? What do we learn about Jesus here? Why does that matter, especially in a week like the one we just experienced?

Monday Morning Questions

What does it look like to give your attention to the events that unfolded in this Holy Week that lies ahead, even as you continue to have things to do and places to be?