

LUKE 19.28-44

TO FULFILL WHAT IS WRITTEN

Today begins the final week of the ministry of Jesus—

- ▶ *the culmination of what began with the announcement to the shepherds of a Savior who had been born*
- ▶ *the ultimate fulfillment of the angel's announcement to Jospeh, "He will save his people from their sins"*
- ▶ *the declaration of John the Baptizer, "Behold! the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world."*

AT THE HEART OF ALL THAT IS HAPPENING—

Jesus took the Twelve aside and told them, “We are going up to Jerusalem, and everything written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled. He will be handed over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, insult him, spit on him, flog him and kill him. On the third day he will rise again.”

DELIBERATE ACTIONS AND DETERMINED TIMING

Deliberate actions and determined timing pervade this point in human history—

▶ Jesus enters Jericho to bring salvation to Zacchaeus

“I must stay at your house today. . . . Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.”

—Luke 19.5, 9-10

- ▶ Jesus instructed his disciples to acquire a colt for him

Those who were sent on ahead went and found it just as he had told them.

—Luke 19.32

- ▶ Jesus instructed them to tell the owners: “The Lord needs it.”

This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

“Say to the daughter of Zion,

*‘See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey,
on a foal, the colt of a donkey.*

—Luke 13.33

▶ Jesus rides toward Jerusalem to the acclaim of the crowd

. . . the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!”

—Luke 19.38

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.

From the house of the LORD we bless you.

The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine on us.

With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the altar.

—Psalm 118.26-27

▶ Jesus weeps over Jerusalem and predicts its destruction

“If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God’s coming to you.”

—Luke 19.42-44

From the time the word goes out to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven ‘sevens,’ and sixty-two ‘sevens.’ It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble. After the sixty-two ‘sevens,’ the Anointed One will be put to death and will have nothing. The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed.

—Daniel 9.25-26

▶ Jesus entered the temple

▶ He drove out the sellers, declaring—

“It is written, ‘My house will be a house of prayer’ . . .

—Luke 19.46; cf. Isaiah 56.7

▶ He healed people

*“I will drive out demons and heal people today and tomorrow,
and on the third day I will reach my goal.”*

—Luke 13.32

▶ He accepted the praise of the children, replying to his critics with the words of Psalm 8.2

Does a bird ever get caught in a trap that has no bait? Does a trap spring shut when there's nothing to catch? When the ram's horn blows a warning, shouldn't the people be alarmed? Does disaster come to a city unless the LORD has planned it? Indeed, the Sovereign LORD never does anything until He reveals His plans to His servants the prophets.

—Amos 3.5-7

*“On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity . . .
People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on
the world . . . When these things begin to take place, stand up and
lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”
He told them this parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees.
When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know
that summer is near. Even so, when you see these things
happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near.”*

—Luke 21.25-31

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