

LIFE GROUP LESSON

Who is this Man? • Week of April 5

“As the time drew near for Him to ascend to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem” (Luke 9:51) – a pivotal point for the Lord and His disciples. Imagine a giant clock marking time on earth, displaying crucial events being fulfilled right on schedule. Jesus had just taken Peter, James, and John up to a high mountain, where they saw a glimpse of Christ in His glory. Moses and Elijah had appeared and spoke with the Lord about His exodus from this world (Luke 9:28-31). Chapter 10 of Luke’s gospel account opens with Jesus strategically sending out seventy-two disciples in pairs “to all the towns and places He planned to visit” (Luke 10:1-2). For Jesus, every move is with purpose and points toward a greater assignment.

Read Luke 19:28-44

Jesus fulfilled the words of the prophet as He rode into Jerusalem:

“Rejoice, O people of Zion! Shout in triumph, O people of Jerusalem! Look, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and victorious, yet He is humble, riding on a donkey—riding on a donkey’s colt” (Zechariah 9:9).

1. Jesus knows what awaits Him in Jerusalem. And yet, He continues on heaven’s mission. The people witnessing this momentous event are diverse – some sing praises for all the miracles they had seen, some cry out for God to save and restore of Israel, some shout scorn and derision in critical unbelief (vv.37-40)—

“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.

‘Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the LORD! Peace in heaven, and glory in highest heaven!’

But some of the Pharisees among the crowd said, ‘Teacher, rebuke your followers for saying things like that!’ He replied, ‘If they kept quiet, the stones along the road would burst into cheers!’”

How is Jesus a rescuer for you today? Think of at least one specific time (particular occasion). What was your pivotal point? How did your view of Jesus change after begin rescued? Be prepared to speak about it. Give the Lord praise!

Jesus came to save us *not* from our problems, but from sin. When we invite Jesus into our heart – turn from a life of repetitive sin, and determine to follow Him – we will still have problems. But the difference is, now He is with us (*Emmanuel* means ‘God with us’). We have a completely different perspective on life once we see our life through the eyes of Christ and His salvation. Our past is redeemed, and our present and future has new purpose.

2. To redeem means ‘to buy back’ – restore, make right, correct. If you have invited the Lord Jesus into your heart, how is God redeeming your present and future? Think about specific ways the Lord is making all things new in you. How does a redeemed *present* make an eternal difference in your future?

Close by reading Luke 10:30-37

Jesus’ story of the Good Samaritan teaches us that love is not held in title or position, but in actions of mercy and compassion. Being mandated to practice ‘safe-social-distance’ does not mean we cannot help others who are desperately crying out their own *Hosanna’s – O save me!*

3. Name non-physical ways we can reach out and help those in desperation. How can you point people to the victorious King of kings today, and this next week (Holy Week)?

In the days to come, people will need love and support more than ever. With the world grid continuing to change at the pace it has in the last month, envision (pray for) ways Christ-followers can rise up and *Be the Church*. According to Jesus, a true neighbor is one who shows mercy. Jesus specifically says we are to ‘go and do the same’ – how can you be a ‘Good Samaritan’ to your neighbor(s)?

Remember, Jesus is Royal, and we are to submit to His mandate above all else –

“Serve the LORD in reverent fear, and rejoice with trembling. Submit to God’s royal Son, or He will become angry, and you will be destroyed in the midst of all your activities—for His anger flares up in an instant. But what joy for all who take refuge in Him!”

Psalm 2:11-12

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Text: Luke 19:28-44

PLAIN TRUTH:

Jesus has come to save us not from _____ but from _____.

1. Jesus is a _____.

2. Jesus is a _____.

3. Jesus is _____.

One Year Bible Reading

Apr. 5: Deuteronomy 28:1-68, Luke 11:14-36, Psalm 77:1-20, Proverbs 12:18

Apr. 6: Deuteronomy 29:1-30:20, Luke 11:37-12:7, Psalm 78:1-31, Prov. 12:19-20

Apr. 7: Deuteronomy 31:1-32:27, Luke 12:8-34, Psalm 78:32-55, Prov. 12:21-23

Apr. 8: Deuteronomy 32:28-52, Luke 12:35-59, Psalm 78:56-64, Proverbs 12:24

Apr. 9: Deuteronomy 33:1-29, Luke 13:1-21, Psalm 78:65-72, Proverbs 12:25

Apr. 10: Deut. 34:1-Joshua 2:24, Luke 13:22-14:6, Psalm 79:1-13, Prov. 12:26

Apr. 11: Joshua 3:1-4:24, Luke 14:7-35, Psalm 80:1-19, Proverbs 12:27-28

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