

King for a Day **Luke 19:28–44 (NKJV)**

28 When He had said this, He went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. 29 And it came to pass, when He drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mountain called Olivet, that He sent two of His disciples, 30 saying, “Go into the village opposite you, where as you enter you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Loose it and bring it here. 31 And if anyone asks you, ‘Why are you loosing it?’ thus you shall say to him, ‘Because the Lord has need of it.’ ” 32 So those who were sent went their way and found it just as He had said to them. 33 But as they were loosing the colt, the owners of it said to them, “Why are you loosing the colt?” 34 And they said, “The Lord has need of him.” 35 Then they brought him to Jesus. And they threw their own clothes on the colt, and they set Jesus on him. 36 And as He went, many spread their clothes on the road. 37 Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen, 38 saying: “ ‘Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the LORD!’ Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” 39 And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, “Teacher, rebuke Your disciples.” 40 But He answered and said to them, “I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out.” 41 Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, 42 saying, “If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. 43 For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, 44 and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation.”

Back in the 50s and the 60s there was a radio program and then a TV program called Queen for a Day.

I never remember hearing the radio program but the TV program became so popular that it was extended from a 30 minute program to a 45 minute program which was quite unusual in that day to have a program that lasted more than 30 minutes.

When I read our text again this week I thought of that program. Queen for a day.

It might hardly seem worth it but they treated the new queen quite well.

But Jesus was hardly even King for a day.

He truly was the King of the Ages and King of the Jews and even the King of glory.

But we will talk more about that when we come to the conclusion of our message.

I. The back ground for this scene.

A. The preparation.

1. The disciples

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2. The owners.
 - a. 33 But as they were loosing the colt, the owners of it said to them, "Why are you loosing the colt?" 34 And they said, "The Lord has need of him."

B. It seems that David rode a mule

1. 1 Kings 1:38 (NKJV)
 - a. 38 So Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the Cherethites, and the Pelethites went down and had Solomon ride on King David's mule, and took him to Gihon.
2. We would think of riding on a horse as a better animal to indicate He was king but it seems that the king would ride on a donkey or mule

C. It was a well known prophecy.

1. Zechariah 9:9 (NKJV)
 - a. 9 "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.
2. Psalm 118:26 (NKJV)
 - a. 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We have blessed you from the house of the LORD.
3. Matthew 21:4-5 (NKJV)
 - a. 4 All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: 5 "Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your King is coming to you, Lowly, and sitting on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.' "
4. Seen in the response of the crowd.
 - a. 36 And as He went, many spread their clothes on the road. 37 Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and

praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen,

II. The triumphal entry.

A. The multitudes.

1. There was the multitude that came with Jesus.
2. There was also a multitude that had come early for the celebration of Passover.
3. Hundreds of thousands of Jews from the Diaspora which numbered around 4,000,000 visited Jerusalem for the Passover and other festivals yearly with an estimated 3,000,000 people, both Jews and Gentiles, visiting Jerusalem during the Passover
<https://www.bible-history.com/backd2/jerusalem.html>

B. The laying down of garments and palms

1. This was done during the times of the Maccabees when the Jews retook Jerusalem
2. 1 Maccabees 13:51 (KJV Apoc)
 - a. 51 And entered into it the three and twentieth day of the second month in the hundred seventy and first year, with thanksgiving, and branches of palm trees, and with harps, and cymbals, and with viols, and hymns, and songs: because there was destroyed a great enemy out of Israel.
3. 2 Maccabees 10:7 (KJV Apoc)
 - a. 7 Therefore they bare branches, and fair boughs, and palms also, and sang psalms unto him that had given them good success in cleansing his place.

C. The ride down the Mount of Olives and into Jerusalem.

1. See pictures
 - a. Jerusalem from Mount of Olives
 - b. Eastern Gate from Mount of Olives
 - c. Mount of Olives from Jerusalem
 - d. Drawing from the 1800s
 - e. Map of procession
- 2.

- a. The highest point on the Mount of Olives 2,684 ft
- b. The Temple Mount forms the northern portion of a very narrow spur of hill that slopes sharply downward from north to south. Rising above the Kidron Valley to the east and Tyropoeon Valley to the west, its peak reaches a height of 740 m (2,428 ft) above sea level.

III. The objection.

- A. 39 And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, “Teacher, rebuke Your disciples.” 40 But He answered and said to them, “I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out.”

IV. The result of His being rejected.

- A. Jesus weeps over the city.
 - 1. 41 Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, 42 saying, “If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.
- B. Jesus foretells their curse.
 - 1. 43 For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, 44 and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation.”

The disciples did not fully grasp the significance of what was happening. As John would later write, “These things His disciples did not understand at the first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written of Him, and that they had done these things to Him” *John MacArthur, Luke 18–24, MacArthur New Testament Commentary (Chicago, IL: Moody Publishers, 2014), 95.*

John 12:16 (NKJV)

16 His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him.

The rest of the people thought Jesus was going to set up His kingdom that would throw off the yoke of the Romans.

But Jesus had not come to set them free from the Romans.

He had come to set them free from the power of sin over their lives.

No He was not the king for them in the final evaluation.

So He was hardly King for a day.

What about you?

Is Jesus, right now, the King of your life.

Or is He even King for a day.

Would you stand up today for Jesus and proclaim Him as your king.