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**5-Day Devotional
based on Sunday's message:**



PALM SUNDAY

PERFECT KING, PERFECT PROPHET, PERFECT PRIEST

Luke 19:28-48

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Luke 19:28-48

After telling this story, Jesus went on toward Jerusalem, walking ahead of his disciples. As he came to the towns of Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he sent two disciples ahead. "Go into that village over there," he told them. "As you enter it, you will see a young donkey tied there that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks, 'Why are you untying that colt?' just say, 'The Lord needs it.'" So they went and found the colt, just as Jesus had said. And sure enough, as they were untying it, the owners asked them, "Why are you untying that colt?" And the disciples simply replied, "The Lord needs it." So they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments over it for him to ride on. As he rode along, the crowds spread out their garments on the road ahead of him. 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!" But as he came closer to Jerusalem and saw the city ahead, he began to weep. "How I wish today that you of all people would understand the way to peace. But now it is too late, and peace is hidden from your eyes. Before long your enemies will build ramparts against your walls and encircle you and close in on you from every side. They will crush you into the ground, and your children with you. Your enemies will not leave a single stone in place, because you did not recognize it when God visited you." Then Jesus entered the Temple and began to drive out the people selling animals for sacrifices. He said to them, "The Scriptures declare, 'My Temple will be a house of prayer,' but you have turned it into a den of thieves." After that, he taught daily in the Temple, but the leading priests, the teachers of religious law, and the other leaders of the people began planning how to kill him. But they could think of nothing, because all the people hung on every word he said.

Day 1: The King Who Brings Peace

Devotional

We live in a world that desperately seeks peace, yet we often want it on our own terms. We desire calm in our relationships, freedom from anxiety, and rest from our struggles. However, we resist the very surrender that true peace requires. Jesus entered Jerusalem as the King of peace, riding humbly on a donkey rather than a war horse. This wasn't weakness, but was strength redefined. His kingship operates differently than earthly powers that demand submission through force. Instead, He invites us into a covenantal relationship where peace comes through trust, not control. The crowds recognized something special that day, crying out in worship even as religious leaders tried to silence them. When we try to maintain control while seeking peace, we miss the very source of what we're looking for. Jesus as King doesn't take away our freedom. He gives us the freedom to rest in His perfect leadership.

Bible Verse

'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

Reflection Question

What areas of your life are you trying to control while simultaneously asking God for peace?

Quote

Covenantal relationship with God invites trust in Him as king, allowing rest in him.

Prayer

Lord, help me to trust Your kingship over my life. Give me the courage to surrender control and find rest in Your perfect leadership. Amen.

Day 2: The Prophet Who Reveals Truth

Devotional

Truth can be hard to hear, especially when it challenges our comfortable assumptions or calls us to change. Jesus, as the perfect Prophet, didn't just speak truth, He embodied it with deep compassion. When He looked over Jerusalem, He wept. These weren't tears of frustration but of love for people who were missing the very peace standing right in front of them. His prophetic voice came with tear-filled eyes because He saw what they couldn't see. Even with miraculous signs and fulfilled prophecies all around them, people missed Jesus at point-blank range. Their hearts had grown hard to the truth they desperately needed. As our perfect Prophet, Jesus continues to speak truth into our lives today, not to condemn us, but because He loves us too much to leave us in deception. His truth-telling comes from a heart that weeps over our spiritual condition and longs for our wholeness.

Bible Verse

'But as he came closer to Jerusalem and saw the city ahead, he began to weep. "How I wish today that you of all people would understand the way to peace. But now it is too late, and peace is hidden from your eyes.'" - Luke 19:41-42

Reflection Question

What truths might Jesus be speaking to you that you've been resistant to hearing?

Quote

Jesus, a perfect prophet, filled with compassion, speaks truth to his people with tear filled eyes.

Prayer

Jesus, soften my heart to hear Your truth with compassion. Help me not to miss what You're revealing to me today. Amen.

Day 3: The Priest Who Secures Access

Devotional

The temple was meant to be a place of prayer and connection with God, but it had become something else entirely. When Jesus entered as our perfect Priest, He didn't just observe the problem, He acted to restore what was broken. His cleansing of the temple wasn't about anger, but about making way for genuine worship and relationship with God. Unlike the priests of old who offered repeated sacrifices that could never fully bridge the gap between humanity and God, Jesus became both the perfect mediator and the perfect sacrifice. Through His priestly work, He created permanent access to God, not just for a select few, but for anyone who would come. The peace we're desperately seeking isn't something we can achieve through our own efforts or religious activities. It's the very wholeness we receive through a person, Jesus Christ, who draws us near to God through His saving work.

Bible Verse

'Then Jesus entered the Temple and began to drive out the people selling animals for sacrifices. He said to them, "The Scriptures declare, 'My Temple will be a house of prayer,' but you have turned it into a den of thieves.'" - Luke 19:45-46

Reflection Question

How has Jesus' priestly work changed your access to and relationship with God?

Quote

This is supposed to be a place for people to be consumed with prayer, connecting with God. Jesus' coming means a way back to right relationship with God.

Prayer

Thank You, Jesus, for being my perfect Priest who draws me near to God. Help me to trust in Your saving work alone. Amen.

Day 4: Don't Miss the Peace Right in Front of You

Devotional

For centuries, people have missed the peace that was standing right in front of them. Even with powerful miracles, fulfilled prophecies, and the very Son of God in their midst, many still denied His message of truth and peace. It's easy to judge those who missed Jesus during His earthly ministry, but how often do we do the same thing? We can admire Jesus from a distance, appreciate His teachings, and even attend church regularly while still missing the peace He offers. The difference between admiration and transformation is surrender. Jesus didn't come just to be admired by the crowd that day. He came to be received as our King, Prophet, and Priest. The peace we're looking for isn't found in our circumstances changing or our problems disappearing. It's found in a person who invites us to stop resisting, start listening, and begin trusting. Don't let familiarity with the story cause you to miss the reality of what Jesus offers today.

Bible Verse

"Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the LORD! Peace in heaven, and glory in highest heaven!" - Luke 19:38

Reflection Question

In what ways might you be admiring Jesus from a distance rather than fully receiving Him as King, Prophet, and Priest?

Quote

Don't miss the peace right in front of you, as many have for centuries.

Prayer

Lord, don't let me miss the peace You're offering. Help me to receive You fully, not just admire You from afar. Amen.

Day 5: Rest in the Peace That Is Christ

Devotional

Augustine once wrote, 'You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you.' This captures the essence of what we've been exploring, that the peace we seek isn't a feeling or a circumstance, but a person. Jesus, as our perfect King, Prophet, and Priest, offers us the wholeness our hearts have been searching for. As King, He invites you to submit to Him as He takes the throne of your life. As Prophet, He invites you to listen as He reveals truth to you. As Priest, He invites you to trust Him as He draws you near to Himself through His saving work. The beautiful truth is that we don't have to achieve this peace, but we simply receive it. We don't have to earn our way to wholeness because it's freely given through Christ. Today, you can stop the exhausting cycle of trying to create peace through your own efforts and instead rest in the peace that is already yours in Jesus. Go today, resting in the peace that is from Christ.

Bible Verse

'Let everything that breathes sing praises to the LORD! Praise the LORD!' - Psalm 150:6

Reflection Question

What would change in your daily life if you truly rested in the peace that Christ offers rather than trying to create your own?

Quote

The peace we're looking for isn't something we achieve, but it is the very wholeness that we receive through a person. That person being Jesus.

Prayer

Jesus, thank You for being my peace. Help me to rest in You today rather than striving for peace through my own efforts. Amen,