



The Gospel According to Luke

Wk. 95 “The Divine King”

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Luke 19:41-48 ESV

Jesus Weeps over Jerusalem

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Jesus Cleanses the Temple

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Last week Mike started us out with the “Lowly Coronation” event of King Jesus. The greatest ruler, the king of all kings, the prince of the throne of heaven, the first born of God the Father, rides into Jerusalem on a colt, as foretold in prophecy so **we would know it was Him**. It was definitely an event that was undeserving, **SINFUL** – it missed the mark, of His office, His accomplishments, and His standing and I wonder if it is recorded in scripture as thus, so that when we, His people, get a second chance we can do it right!

This coronation began what we call in Christendom as “Holy Week or Passion Week”, the week prior to the crucifixion which was the same week as the biggest Holiday season on the Jewish Calendar “Passover”. This undoubtedly is the biggest week ever in the History of the world, at no other point has there been so much happening at one moment in in time.



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I know for many of us though, at our point in history we can have similar thoughts and feelings about the scope of the days in which we live. I know it can seem as if it has never been as bad or tumultuous in America as it is right now and perhaps that is due in part to media technology and our ability to know what is happening all over the world in one instance.

We are currently in a heated election year, filled with racial tensions, plagued by multiple violent protests, fueled with global/deadly pandemic fears, accompanied with the threat of a loss in police securities, compounded by non-bipartisan politics and to those of us under fifty it is as though it seems as if it has never been this bad before.

BUT, in spite of these facts, currently there are Millions of people around the world that are under the threat of Genocide.¹ It was even reported and then confirmed by the NYT that up to 265 million people around the world may die from starvation in the next year because of the global shutdowns that happened where fear of the unknown (COVID-19) overtook the world.² I guess it all depends on **one’s perception and point of view** as to whether one is living in the most **memorable point in history**.

So, let me attempt to put this all back into focus this morning. Let’s NOT focus on what causes hysteria and instead let’s adjust our Scope to Zoom back in through time to the event that still **eclipses all other events** and will continue to do so UNTIL the 2nd coming. As this was God’s plan from the beginning:

Ephesians 1:10 ESV

plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him (Christ), things in heaven and things on earth.

¹ <https://www.genocidewatch.com/countries-at-risk>

² <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/22/world/africa/coronavirus-hunger-crisis.html>



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This event, at the beginning of the week, even though it was a lowly coronation, in no way did it define Jesus’ true nature, for He just wasn’t an earthly King, but He was a Divine King, the God-man, He was “God in Flesh”.

That is important for you to take in, Luke has been pointing us towards this realization for 95 weeks, Jesus is not just a crazy, demon possessed, or super zealous man, NO, He believed in who they said He was! He isn’t just an earthly king, for the Jewish prophecies point to a supernatural King in their foretelling of a Messiah. Jesus is a Divine King and if that is true, if you accept that revelation, it demands that you recognize His claims, all scriptural claims, and respond in such manner that is appropriate.

Divine Kingship Demands a Holy Response

Today I want to share with you three aspects of this Divine King for I think that understanding His Divine Kingship will help us all respond to Him a little better.

The first one is actually a summary of last week.

1. Jesus the Divine King is worthy of all PRAISE...

Biblical Prophecy - Last week Mike showed us through biblical prophecy going all the way back to Genesis that Jesus was the foretold one in scripture:

Genesis 3:15 ESV

“I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.” - **God**

Genesis 49:10-11 ESV

“The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples. Binding his foal to the vine and his donkey's colt to the choice vine.” - **Jacob**

As a matter of fact, there are over 300 prophecies that point to Jesus being this Divine King and Mike helped us understand the odds of that:



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Jesus fulfilling just eight of these prophecies would be like filling the state of Texas with 100 trillion silver dollars, which would make them two feet deep. Then mark only one of those coins and blindfold a person and let him travel the state and choose one random coin and the odds of him picking that marked coin are the same odds as Jesus fulfilling just eight of the Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah.

Let me just give you one more that you didn't hear last week:

Proof of God's impeccable timing!

His timing is also perfect because Daniel 9 verses 24 to 27 said in the prophecy that there would be sixty-nine times seven years, weeks of years, sixty-nine times seven until Messiah would come and be cut off. Sixty-nine times seven is 483 years. They calculated years at 360 days a year; 483 years at 360 days totals 173,880. So from the beginning until the Messiah comes to be cut off, you have this duration of 483 years of 360 days. That's prophesied in Daniel 9:24 to 27. When does it start? It started with a decree to rebuild Jerusalem. When was that? 445 B. C. Declared by Artaxerxes and precisely from then until this week and this day is the 483 years. He comes in perfect fulfillment of Daniel's prophecy. Everything is in line. And so He triggers the event Himself by sending the disciples to get the animal which He will ride into the city.³

Then we talked about His omniscience and belief when He sees the quote found in Zech. 9:9 is about Himself.

Luke 19:30-31 ESV

³⁰ “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’”

³ <https://www.gty.org/library/sermons-library/42-242/jesus-humble-coronation-part-2>



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...and that fact as Divine King He owns everything...

Psalm 50:10-12

“For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is mine.”

So, when he wanted a colt to ride in on, one to fulfill a specific prophecy about Himself, He just ordained where it would be, knew it would be there, and told His guys let the owner know I need my animal now.

I mention all of this **in review** to show that Jesus operates as **The Divine King** and here is where I want to ask us a question, **“Do we really believe that?”** What keeps us from giving Him all praise, what keeps us from putting all we have into His service, what keeps us from going to Him with all our “unknowns” in life? *Perhaps it is because we are too easily overcome with all the information in our immediate attention Zone, all the stuff that can cause impulsive emotional reactions, that cause us to worry.*

I think we have a problem responding to Jesus with a Holy Response of obedience because our fears of this world overwhelm us. We interpret what happens in the world as a doomsday proclamation instead of seeing world events through the lens of Holy Week that reminds us that all of this is just birthing pains that actually brings us to Jesus’ Glorious 2nd coming. It is simply a belief problem for He has shown that He is a **Divine King that demands a Holy Response.**

2. Jesus the Divine King is empowered to pass down and carry out JUDGMENT.

Now we come again to the story we read through today which occurs right after the *Triumphal Entry*. It seems that our Divine King stops and gives a monologue, a declaration to the inhabitants of His city, His people, and even though this should be a happy occasion there is an ominous tone inside the message that Jesus gives.

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hem you in on every side ⁴⁴ and tear you down to the ground, you and your children within you. And they will not leave one stone upon another in you, because you did not know the time of your visitation.”

This is a prophetic word given by Jesus on the future of Jerusalem. The whole scene goes from declarations of “Peace”, “Hosanna”, and “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord” to a curse pronounced by Jesus.

In 70AD, about 37 years after the events of this particular week, it is recorded by the Jewish Historian Josephus, and is backed up by other historical works, that Rome came in force and destroyed the city of Jerusalem. Not just destroyed the city but raised it to the ground.

This all had started in 66AD when Rome came in to quell a rebellion in Judea, but General Vespasian had to return home to Rome in the middle of a siege. There was unrest in the capital of Rome, as Nero was growing crazier, and separate factions were vying for power in Rome. 4 years later Vespasian in Cesar and he sends his son Titus, a general, to finish the job he started. This was to show the might of Rome, so the level of violence done to Jerusalem was to quiet the empire, they were to be made an example of.

It was once again Passover and the city was filled to bursting with pilgrims visiting the temple, this most holy day of the year. Rome marched in and surrounded Jerusalem from the West, causing the city official to seal the gates. The Roman Legions set up barricades and surrounded them on every side as Jesus said. In effect they starved out Jerusalem with over a million people inside the walls. It is even recorded that people had resorted to cannibalism.

When the inhabitants were weakened and demoralized, Rome used the last of their wood from cutting down all the Olive Groves and any trees around Jerusalem to make ramparts and battering rams. They stormed the city and killed every man, woman, and child, in the city over a million people and the remaining prisoners perhaps 100k, the stronger ones, they sent to the mines in Egypt to be sold as gladiators in Rome to die in the arenas. Every stone in the walls and the



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temple were torn down except for the wailing wall to be a reminder to all people what had happened there, fulfilling the prophecy of Jesus.

The Divine King has the power to allow judgment to happen on His people, to remove Mercy, because **these same people who had praised Him on the way in on Monday were calling for His death on Friday**, killing the only innocent man that ever lived and rightful ruler of Jerusalem. They had rebelled to a loving King and in return they were rewarded with the wrath of a Tyrant King, Vespasian. They had chosen to release Barabbas, a revolutionary, instead of Jesus the true liberator and we now see how that path played out. They were ok with the rule of Rome instead of the rule of God and now we can travel there and see the only stone left standing, the wailing wall, as it cries out of the sin of the Jews against God. Sin against a Divine King calls for Divine Judgment. The Jews got what they wanted...

In Luke’s account the very next thing he records after Jesus’ pronouncement of judgment on Jerusalem is, He enters His Father’s house as if to show proof of what He’s talking about, what had God worship become in Jerusalem.

⁴⁵ And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold,⁴⁶ saying to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be a house of prayer,’ but you have made it a den of robbers.”

There was no more God worship only money laundering in the temple, the religion was dead. Animals were being sold in the court of the temple at exorbitant rates, charging people way too much for animals to offer as sacrifice for sins. **They were scamming people** who had legitimate concerns about their standing with God. (Points back to the beginnings of the Reformation.)

People would travel great distances to get to Jerusalem and to make the travel easier and more cost effective they would wait to purchase their animals upon entering Jerusalem. This is normal practice. But the animal owners in conjunction with the priests in the temple would jack up prices on the animals so that a person who could afford a lamb now could only afford a dove for their sacrifice thus **negating the effect of the sacrifice** in their eyes.



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They were essentially **condemning people to the burden of constantly living in guilt of their sin**. As a matter of fact, the only person that could afford the price was the rich which added to their illusion that their money could pay for their sins. As you know the rich, according to Jesus, had no chance of entering into heaven anyway this **only compounded their delusions to their self-righteousness**. The whole system is broke, it doesn't work!

Jesus walks into His Father's house, and in violent but non sinful act, overturns tables throwing the money everywhere, scattering people and animals, for the Divine King has a right to be mad and pass judgment. This was to be a house of prayer, where God could hear you, accept your sacrifice, accept you and instead it had become a way to keep people from God.

Family, what is the wisdom to be gleaned here? Jesus has already told us that all things will be found out (Luke 8:17). There is no escaping judgment of the Divine King (1 Cor. 4:5, 11:31; 2 Cor. 5:10; 2 Peter 2:4; Acts 17:31; Psalm 50:4, 96:13; Rev. 21:4) and that there is a coming day of the Lord.⁴

The phrase “the day of the Lord” is used often in the Old Testament (e.g. [Isaiah 2:12](#); [13:6](#), [9](#); [Ezekiel 13:5](#), [30:3](#); [Joel 1:15](#), [2:1,11,31](#); [3:14](#); [Amos 5:18,20](#); [Obadiah 15](#); [Zephaniah 1:7,14](#); [Zechariah 14:1](#); [Malachi. 4:5](#)) and several times in the New Testament (e.g. [Acts 2:20](#); [1 Corinthians 5:5](#); [2 Corinthians 1:14](#); [1 Thessalonians 5:2](#); [2 Thessalonians 2:2](#); [2 Peter 3:10](#)). It is also alluded to in other passages ([Revelation 6:17](#); [16:14](#)).

(You read in 2 Peter 3 yesterday about the day of the Lord coming) The New Testament calls it a day of “wrath,” a day of “visitation,” and the “great day of God Almighty” ([Revelation 16:14](#)) and refers to a still future fulfillment when God's wrath is poured out on unbelieving Israel ([Isaiah 22](#); [Jeremiah 30:1-17](#); [Joel 1-2](#); [Amos 5](#); [Zephaniah 1](#)) and on the unbelieving world ([Ezekiel 38–39](#); [Zechariah 14](#)). The Scriptures indicate

⁴ <https://www.gotquestions.org/day-of-the-Lord.html>



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that “the day of the Lord” will come quickly, like a thief in the night ([Zephaniah 1:14-15](#); [2 Thessalonians 2:2](#)), and therefore Christians must be watchful and ready for the coming of Christ at any moment.

Listen, **do not take lightly the sin that you do**, if anything please learn from the desolation of a city, that if Jesus does not pay for your sins, if you do not respond to Him as the Divine King that comes with Grace, then there is wrath that will come from which there is no escape.

Keep praying for those that are lost, keep caring about those around you and allow this to stir in you a little more fervor for those that need to hear the Gospel. The day of the Lord is not something to be wished upon others, it is something to warn the world about, it is something for you to fear, if you do not know Jesus, as your Savior and King.

This **Divine King, who He is, demands a response of repentance and loyalty from all of us that hear this message**. I pray that is your response today. But lastly, the Divine King is not all about doom and gloom, I want you to see in the text this is **not something that he rejoices over**, this is something **Jesus laments over** for he cares for and loves His people.

3. Jesus the Divine King is still SYMPATHETIC and COMPASSIONATE on His people.

⁴¹ And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, ⁴² saying, “Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.

Jesus ‘**wept**’ over Jerusalem, in the beginning of the text it shows you His heart in all of this. This is the Divine King that knows judgment is nearing for His people, and in the text, the language literally means, sobbing, heaving, emotionally distraught, He loves Jerusalem!

He has travelled here as a little boy, he spent time in the temple when He was 12 teaching people about God! He has traveled here, who knows how many times, enjoying the holidays, experiencing the Shalom of Jerusalem.



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Over 1850 years earlier Abraham looked over this area, which was called Salem or Shalom, a place to bring fulfillment and peace. The name changed after King David took it from the Canaanites to Jerusalem. “Jeru” (Yeru) means in the Hebrew something to the effect that a Prince is coming to do a mighty work. Jerusalem was designed to be the city of Kings by which the Divine King Jesus was coming to do the mighty work of atonement to bring Shalom the peace of God.

This is why Jesus says if only **you knew you what would make peace for you**, my work as your king, but you are blinded to it. This is your judgment, your blinding to who I am. Jesus weeps over this fact, that His city, would be destroyed along with all the traditions and promises of joy passed through the centuries. But our King does not tally, His passion for His people carries Him through this moment.

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Jesus continues to teach in the temple facing arrest and murder. He’s teaching about the coming Kingdom of God and what would in essence be new Jerusalem. They record His prophecy, His teachings and wouldn’t you know it, the church remembers His warning thirty something years later.

In 66 AD when Rome almost came and took the city the Christians remembered Jesus’ prophecy. Before Rome surrounded the city again in 70 AD the Christians had fled to Pella, near the Jordan, remembering the words of the Lord. Jesus’ compassion and sympathy to His people saved the true church from the destruction in Jerusalem. **The acts of this Divine King were rewarded with a Believing Response by His people.**

The ultimate act of this Divine King was to lay down His life for Jerusalem although at the time of His crucifixion they were blind to the work He was doing. **No one cheered Him on His way to the cross, no they struck him and spit on Him demanding His death.** Yet this Divine King chose to lay down His life for His



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people as His last act, so that they would be rewarded with His resurrection, that they could finally believe in who He was and what He was doing.

My friend, wherever you are at today in responding to Christ, Jesus is lovingly showing you today He cares for you by **providing for you the opportunity to hear this story about His work as The Divine King.**

He is a Divine King worthy of all our Praise.

He is a Divine King that is empowered to **judge or deliver us from judgment.**

He is a divine King that is Sympathetic to you in this crazy world, where our politicians are trying to scam us into believing they have the answers.

And the offer is the same as it was 2k years a go. Believe in Him, His work for you, confess your sins, repent and follow Him, and you will escape the coming day of judgment and you will live with Him one day in New Jerusalem, the city that He is bringing peace to. The Divine King is the only one that can truly save us, do you know Him, do you see Him for who He truly is?

If so, let's pray now and give Him thanks for it is by Grace that we have been saved through Faith. AND if you find yourself in need of repenting and confessing your sins and how you have been responding wrongly to Him there is still forgiveness and acceptance to be found in Him for He is still sympathetic and compassionate to our needs...

PRAYER

COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

Go in the name of the Father, that has delivered to us the Divine King Jesus to bring us Peace.

Go in the name of the Son, that sacrificed His life for our Peace to save us from Divine Judgment.

Go in the name and power of the HS, that helps us to see Jesus as the Divine King, so that we may share with others the peace that Jesus gives to those that repent and believe.