Who Is This Man?
Lke 19:28-44

Introduction

The Gospels were written so that we might know who Jesus is.

“These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.” John 20:31

The Gospels are written in such a way that everyone must decide what they believe.

Who is this man?

Luke gives us three pictures of Jesus.


Jesus came from Galilee with his disciples to celebrate the Passover.

As they were coming to the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples to find a colt and bring it to him. “They found it just as he had told them.”

Jesus is the Sovereign Lord and everything is under his perfect control.

He is the owner of everything we possess.

The Passover is all pre-arranged. Luke 22:10-12

Even his death is not an accident.

“Jesus took the Twelve aside and told them, “We are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is 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.” Luke 18:31-34

“Life is not a straight line leading from one blessing to the next and then finally to heaven. Life is a winding and troubled road. Switchback after switchback. And the point of biblical stories like Joseph and Job and Esther and Ruth is to help us feel in our bones (not just in our heads) that God is for us in all these strange turns. God is not just showing up after the trouble and cleaning it up. He is plotting the course and managing the troubles with far-reaching purposes for our good and for the glory of Jesus Christ.” John Piper

II. The Humble King. Luke 19:35-40

They brought the colt to Jesus to ride on.
As the road came to the top of the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices.

What is going on here?

Jesus, who commanded the demons not to tell who he is, now openly declares by his actions that he is the Messiah.

Those who knew the scriptures would immediately make the connection.

“Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey... He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.” Zechariah 9:9-10

He is a king like no other. He comes humbly. He comes to bring peace.

“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.” Psalm 118:26

“Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.” Luke 2:14


Jeremiah was called the weeping prophet.

Jesus is the weeping savior.

Isaiah called him “a man of sorrows and familiar with grief.” Isaiah 53:3

Jesus knew what would happen to Jerusalem. Their rejection of the Messiah was now final.

The Romans would not leave one stone upon another. The Temple would be totally destroyed.

Jesus wept bitterly over Jerusalem.

Conclusion

Jesus came to bring peace, hope and salvation to our world.

Jesus is the Sovereign Lord.

Jesus is the Humble King.

Jesus is the Sorrowful Savior.