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For Sunday, April 13th "Generous Journey"

Psalm 118:19-29 - *NIV*

- ¹⁹ Open for me the gates of the righteous;
I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.
- ²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord
through which the righteous may enter.
- ²¹ I will give you thanks, for you answered me;
you have become my salvation.
- ²² The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
- ²³ the Lord has done this,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- ²⁴ The Lord has done it this very day;
let us rejoice today and be glad.
- ²⁵ Lord, save us!
Lord, grant us success!
- ²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
From the house of the Lord we bless you.
- ²⁷ The Lord is God,
and he has made his light shine on us.
With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession
up to the horns of the altar.
- ²⁸ You are my God, and I will praise you;
you are my God, and I will exalt you.
- ²⁹ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

Luke 19:28-44 – *NIV*

²⁸ After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, ³⁰ "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Lord needs it.'"

³² Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

³⁴ They replied, "The Lord needs it."

³⁵ They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

³⁷ When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

³⁸ "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"

⁴⁰ "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

⁴¹ As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it ⁴² and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. ⁴³ The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. ⁴⁴ They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you."

Takeaway: Jesus' journey into Jerusalem reminds us that generosity is marked by humility, sacrifice, and vision for a new future.

Questions

1. If you could take a journey anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?
2. What stands out to you about Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem?
3. The people in the crowd shouted "Hosanna!" What do you think they expected from Jesus? What can we learn from our expectations not always matching up with God's plan?
4. In what ways do you think the church gets Palm Sunday and Holy Week 'right' — capturing the spirit of Jesus' journey? In what ways do we sometimes misunderstand or misrepresent it?

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