



Don't Hold Your Peace!

Reasons and Encouragement to Praise King Jesus!

Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026

Holy Text: Luke 19:40 (Reading from verse 28)

Today, we celebrate Palm Sunday, the day on the Christian calendar where we humbly acknowledge the beginning of our LORD's Passion. This is the final week of Christ's earthly life, wherein He would enter Jerusalem, eventually be betrayed by Judas, be brought before the Sanhedrin, Herod, and Pontius Pilate.

He would be sentenced by His own creations to death for blasphemy, be scourged, and crucified and put to death for our sins!

Yet, we must never forget the glorious truth of the Gospel: He was not a helpless victim. This was no accident of history. From before the foundation of the world, this was the sovereign plan of the Triune God. The Father gave the Son to be the propitiation for our sins. The Son willingly laid down His life. And every step of this final week unfolded exactly as the Lord had ordained.

Even as Jesus entered the city that day, the crowds were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!" But not everyone rejoiced. As we'll see, the Pharisees, indignant and threatened by the praise being offered to the Messiah, demanded that Jesus rebuke His disciples and silence the multitude.

Today, our heart is to be a more fully informed "multitude" and "rejoice and praise God with a loud voice." Today, our goal is to encourage your daily, consistent, and fervent praise, and to refuse to let a stone offer Him more honor than you!

Thoughts on Luke 19:28-40

1. First, who is "He" that spoke? (v.28a) Let us remember Who Jesus is! There are many different views:

- In Islam, he is a messenger of god, whose message was lost, but not God in flesh, crucified and risen!
- In Judaism, he is a false prophet.
- In Mormonism, he is a god among many, who is a product of a physical union between God and Mary, and the spirit-brother of Lucifer.
- In Jehovah's Witness doctrine, he is Michael the archangel.
- In Buddhism, he is a wise man who taught similarly to Buddha.
- Among the Hebrew Israelites, beliefs range from messiah to a false prophet.
- To the larger, secular culture, he is an all-affirming, gentle friend, who is essentially whomever they want him to be!

- **We know the He to Be the Christos or Anointed One! (Matt 16:16)**
- **He is the Lamb, slain from the foundation of the world! (Rev 3:8)**
- **He is the Word of God! (John 1:1)**
- **He is, one more time, the King of kings, and the Lord of lords! (Rev 19:16)**
- **He is Emmanuel...God with us! (Matt 1:23)**
- **He is the Alpha and Omega and the Almighty One! (Rev 1:8)**
- **He is the Lion of the Tribe of Judah! (Rev 5:5)**
- **He is the Good Shepherd! (John 10:11)**

- **He is the Chief Shepherd! (1 Pet 5:4)**
- **The Shepherd and Bishop of our souls! (1 Pet 2:25)**
- **He is the I AM! (John 8:58)**
- **He is the Savior of the world! (1 John 4:14)**

2. And may we marvel at our LORD and His intentionality and desire to obey His Father and to accomplish our Redemption! (v.28b)

- Our verses says “he went before.” That is, He went ahead of His disciples and ascended, or walked uphill there. (The road from Jericho to Jerusalem rose some 4000 feet.) Symbolic of both the difficulty and the glory of His propitiation? Perhaps!
- In another place in Luke we read:

***Luke 9:51 (KJV)** And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem,*

- The phrase, “he stedfastly set his face” suggests 1) Jesus’ knowledge of His Father’s Will, and 2) His determination to humbly fulfill it! He amazingly said:

***Luke 12:50 (KJV)** But I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished!*

- Oh the humility of Christ!
 - "The Son can do nothing of Himself" (John 5: 19).
 - "I can of My own self do nothing; My judgment is just, because I seek not My own will" (John 5:30).
 - "I receive not glory from men" (John 5: 41).
 - "I am come not to do My own will" (John 6:38).
 - "My teaching is not Mine" (John 7:16).
 - "I am not come of Myself" (John 7:28).
 - "I do nothing of Myself" (John 8:28).
 - "I have not come of Myself, but He sent Me" (John 8: 42).
 - "I seek not My own glory" (John 8:50).
 - "The words that I say, I speak not from Myself" (John 14: 10).
 - "The word which you hear is not Mine" (John 14: 24).

3. Also, note both the LORD’s care to fulfill what the Scriptures say about Him and His *condescending* to use fallible men in His plans! (vv.29-35)

- The entire “colt” narrative is to satisfy the words of the prophet:

***Zechariah 9:9 (KJV)** Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.*

- Then, amazingly, our LORD uses both His disciples and a nondescript village family, who owned the colt, in His redemption intention!
- Lest you think this blessing only happens in Scripture, ask yourself, “Have I ever been used for God’s glory?”

- Has King Jesus ever used your poor, sinful life to impact others? Or even to see them saved? If the saved are so from the foundation of the world (Matt 25:34), then you have participated in the sovereign plan of the Almighty!
- Also, consider the colt. It was both valuable to most families in this time and commonly seen. This is an accurate description of our time, talents, and treasure...seen everywhere but still precious to us. And God can and does use them for His glory!

4. The people's response to Christ's "Triumphal Entry" was appropriate praise! (vv.36-38)

- Luke records the spreading out of clothes before the entering Jesus. This was to signify the people's belief in His messianic kingship. Palms were also used...

John 12:13 (KJV) *Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord.*

Mark 11:7-10 (KJV) *And they brought the colt to Jesus, and cast their garments on him; and he sat upon him. 8 And many spread their garments in the way: and others cut down branches off the trees, and strawed them in the way. 9 And they that went before, and they that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: 10 Blessed be the kingdom of our father David, that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.*

- Indeed, the people's exclamations of "Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord" (v.38, quoted from the messianic Psalm 118: 25-26) indicates their true (but fickle!) faith!
- And the people rightly began to praise Him! (v.37) They "rejoiced" and "praised God" with a "loud voice!"
- Our Text says the praise arose out of the mighty works they had seen, presumably referring to our LORD's many confirming miracles!
- And again, a part of their praise (however capricious) was exalting Him as King. One of the main limitations in contemporary church praise and worship is a lowered view of Christ.
- When we hold Him in proper respect, see Him as high and lifted up, and acknowledge Him as Creator, King, and LORD, and get a glimpse of His worthiness, praise changes...

Psalms 95:1-6 (KJV) *O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. 3 For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. 4 In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also. 5 The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land. 6 O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker.*

Psalms 96:1-9 (KJV) *O sing unto the LORD a new song: sing unto the LORD, all the earth. 2 Sing unto the LORD, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day. 3 Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people. 4 For the LORD is great, and greatly to be praised: he is to be feared above all gods. 5 For all the gods of the nations are idols: but the LORD made the heavens. 6 Honour and majesty are before him: strength and beauty are in his sanctuary. 7 Give unto the LORD, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the LORD glory and strength. 8 Give unto the LORD*

the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts. **9** O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.

Psalms 100:1-5 (KJV) A Psalm of praise. Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. **2** Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. **3** Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. **4** Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. **5** For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

5. Finally, Don't Hold Your Peace...Praise Him! (vv.39-40)

- Understand beloved, that the devil (and his children) will always try to stop your praise!
- Not only were Pharisees legalists to the extreme...

Matthew 15:7-9 (KJV) Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, **8** This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. **9** But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

- They were the devil's progeny! Jesus says to those who sought to kill him (surely some religious leaders amongst them)...

John 8:44 (KJV) Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

- This phrase, "I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out," points to our LORD's absolute worthiness of praise, AND rebukes the Pharisees for their unbelief and hardness of heart.
- **Beloved, don't let a rock cry out for you! Remember...**

1. He is worthy!

Psalms 18:3 (KJV) I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.

Revelation 4:10-11 (KJV) The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, **11** Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

2. Creation will praise Him!

Psalms 19:1 (KJV) To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David. The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

Psalms 148:1-14 (KJV) Praise ye the LORD. Praise ye the LORD from the heavens: praise him in the heights. **2** Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts. **3** Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light. **4** Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens. **5** Let them praise the name of the

LORD: for he commanded, and they were created. **6** He hath also stablished them for ever and ever: he hath made a decree which shall not pass. **7** Praise the LORD from the earth, ye dragons, and all deeps: **8** Fire, and hail; snow, and vapour; stormy wind fulfilling his word: **9** Mountains, and all hills; fruitful trees, and all cedars: **10** Beasts, and all cattle; creeping things, and flying fowl: **11** Kings of the earth, and all people; princes, and all judges of the earth: **12** Both young men, and maidens; old men, and children: **13** Let them praise the name of the LORD: for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven. **14** He also exalteth the horn of his people, the praise of all his saints; even of the children of Israel, a people near unto him. Praise ye the LORD.

3. You were created to praise Him!

Isaiah 43:7 (KJV) *Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.*

Isaiah 43:21 (KJV) *This people have I formed for myself; they shall shew forth my praise.*

4. His church must praise Him!

Colossians 3:16-17 (KJV) *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. **17** And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.*

5. Failure to praise Him is sin! (Commanded approx. 250 times in the Bible!)

Psalms 150:1-6 (KJV) *Praise ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power. **2** Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness. **3** Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp. **4** Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs. **5** Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals. **6** Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.*

- May we always Remember and Respond with Praise due to:
 1. His Nature as the Son of God and God the Son!
 2. His Worthiness as the Creator of all Things!
 3. His absolute Authority and Power!
 4. His High Holiness and Purity!
 5. His Second Coming and Righteous Judgment

Five Ways we Praise King Jesus!

1. With our Lips

Hebrews 13:15 (KJV) *By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.*

2. With our Love

Matthew 22:36-38 (KJV) *Master, which is the great commandment in the law? **37** Jesus said unto him, *Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.* **38** *This is the first and great commandment.**

John 14:15 (KJV) *If ye love me, keep my commandments.*

3. With our Labor

Colossians 3:23-24 (KJV) *And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; 24 Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.*

4. With our Long-suffering

1 Peter 1:7 (KJV) *That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:*

5. With our Lives!

Romans 12:1-2 (KJV) *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

Philippians 1:21 (KJV) *For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.*

Colossians 3:1-4 (KJV) *If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. 2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.*

A Prayer filled with Praise!

LORD and King,

We praise Thee! We exalt Thee! We bow down before Thee in abject surrender and worship!
There is none like Thee oh LORD. Only Thou art holy!

You rule over Thine own creation with power and might. No one and nothing escapes Thy sight.
You are high and lifted up, glorious in Thy splendor!

Be exalted in our midst oh King...be honored and extolled! Hear and receive our songs and words of praise!

We were created to give Thee glory! Help our lives to be a sweet-smelling aroma unto Thee,
filled with love, mercy, forgiveness, and the fruits of repentance!

Thank you LORD Jesus for coming to us. Thank you for teaching, delivering, suffering, dying,
and rising again! Thank You for saving us! Help us to tell men Your message!

Hosanna oh LORD! Save! Save now!

Amen!