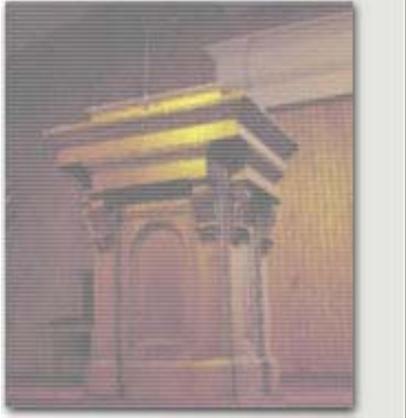


SERMON SUMMARY

Date: April 1, 2007	11:00 am Worship Service
Preacher: Rev. Donald Lawrence	Reference: Luke 19:28-44
Topic: Preparing The Way of The Lord...the Day of Rejoicing	



What kind of praise does The Lord desire? Luke's account of what is called *The Triumphal Entry*, goes further than the other Gospel writers by telling of the attempt of the Pharisees to silence the crowd as they cheered Jesus. However in this story there is no silencing of:

- ▲ Jesus' plan to prophetically ride into Jerusalem
- ▲ the people's praise of Jesus for His mercy
- ▲ the proclamation of Jesus' pity for the spiritually blind of Jerusalem

Verses 28-34 speak of Unopposed Request as seen in a

- Set Course indicating the Appointed Place (verses 28-29)
- Selected Colt indicating the Appointed Picture (verse 30)
- Stated Conversation indicating the Appointed Phrase (verse 31-34)

From these verses we can surmise a call to Celebrate the greatness of God the Creator, Commander and Coming One, which should spur us on to have regard for God's Might. The fact is that God's Acts are to be Pondered.

Unstoppable Rejoicing is seen in verses 35-40 through

- Symbolic Overture (verses 35-36)
- Studied Ovation (verses 37-38)
- Senseless Opposition (verses 39-40)

This is a reminder to us that we ought to Celebrate the goodness of God, the One who condescends and cares. This demands of us to have regard for God's Mercy because the fact is that God's Acts are to be Praised.

In verses 41-44, the passage speaks of Unnecessary Remorse as

- "Prince" Jesus Wept Openly (verse 41)
- People Wasted Opportunity (verse 42)
- People to be Whipped by Opposition (verses 43-44a)

This is a call to...Celebrate the goal of God, the Compassionate One and the One who clarifies. We ought to have regard for God's Moment because the fact is that God's Acts are to be Perceived.

The Lord desires praise that will not turn to betrayal or is blind but praise that is founded upon understanding. Let us let Jesus come into our hearts, fill our heads and control our hands.