

## **BROKEN**

*Broken Heart Luke 19:28-44*

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**INTRO.:** Welcome to the second message in our Easter series, **BROKEN**. Pastor John did an excellent job last week with the topic, *Broken World*. This is one of the best messages I have heard on why the world is broken. This *broken* includes you and me. So, I ask you, “Why is the world broken?” It is because of sin which, as Pastor John described it, is a direct assault against God. Rarely do we sin without it affecting someone else, but first and foremost sin is a violation against God. So, the dilemma is, “God is good and we are not!” How can a good God let sin go unpunished? He can’t! There is nothing you and I can do that would appease God’s rightful and just wrath against us because of our sin. NOTHING!!! If there was anything we could do, then the cross would have been unnecessary. The Apostle John clearly shares the only solution in the gospel of John.

**John 3:16** “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

**John 3:17** For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

**John 3:18** Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son.

**John 3:36** Whoever believes (present participle) in the Son has (present, indicative) eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God’s wrath remains (present, indicative) on him.”

What have I done with Jesus?

People need to be saved by God to inherit eternal life. We need to recognize our sin, repent (turn from it), and seek God’s forgiveness through the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Through Jesus we have been saved:

\*From God (His wrath)

\*By God (through Jesus Christ)

\*For God (for His glory)

This brings us to today on what is referred to as Palm Sunday. You were given a Palm when you came in this morning. We will talk more about what that symbolizes from the Bible. Our theme is **BROKEN HEART**, specifically referring to the heart of God. As we examine the account in Luke 19:28-44 we will look at three things: His Words (v. 28-34), Their Worship (v. 35-40), and His Weeping (v. 41-44) Let’s take some time to read this passage together. What is it that breaks the heart of God? One phrase I want us to walk away with today is: “we get to.” If you are a true follower of Jesus, “you get to.”

**Luke 19:28–29** After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them,

**Luke 19:30-31** “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. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ tell him, ‘The Lord needs it.’ ”

**Luke 19:32-34** Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” They replied, “The Lord needs it.”

**Luke 19:35-36** They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

**Luke 19:37** 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:

**Luke 19:38-40** “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!” “I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

**Luke 19:41-42** As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it 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.

**Luke 19:43** 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.

**Luke 19:44** 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.”

### **HIS WORDS**

**v. 28-34**

Jesus is coming into Jerusalem. As he is approaching Bethphage and Bethany (about two miles east of Jerusalem were these two small towns) at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of His disciples. Jesus is going to give them a mission.

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“go:” this is a command. Jesus is telling His disciples to do something.

In this mission that He gives them we can clearly see God’s omniscience and His sovereignty. He knows all things and is in control of all things. What do we see in particular?

In the village ahead:

\*you will find a colt tied there

\*One no one has ever ridden (fit for a king to ride)

\*Why are you untying it?

\*The Lord needs it

What was the result of their following Christ’s mission for them?

**Luke 19:32-34** Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” They replied, “The Lord needs it.”

I want to ask you a question but you need to remember that Jesus is God, part of the trinity. Did Jesus need to employ the help of these two disciples to get the colt to Him? He didn’t have to but the disciples, got to.

God has a plan. He allows us to come alongside what He is doing. Does He have to allow that as part of His plan? No, but we get to! Does He need us? No, but we get to. How incredible is that? Notice, it isn’t us making our plans and then asking God to be a part of what we have planned. Do you believe that God is good? Do you believe part of His goodness is His plan? Can you and I trust Him with His plan? How about if that plan involves heartache, suffering, and trials?

As I look in the mirror, I am in awe that He allows me to be a part of His plan. I am sure there are better specimens for Him to choose from. Every believer gets to be in the game! Not because He has to, but we get to!

This also reminds me that God not only knows what I’m going through, but He has allowed it to bring me closer to Him. When we do what God tells us in His Word, He will do what he promises. God ALWAYS keeps His Word!

We see His Words and then we see:

### **THEIR WORSHIP**

**v. 35-40**

They bring the colt to Jesus and put their coats on it before putting Jesus on it. This is a fulfillment of prophecy.

**Zechariah 9:9** Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

As Jesus went along others threw their coats on the ground. Why were they doing this? This signifies a royal procession. Mark 11:8 and Matthew 21:8 speak of branches being laid down for Jesus to ride over.

**Matthew 21:8** A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

**Mark 11:8** Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields.

Palm branches symbolized victory, joy, and celebration. This is quite the procession. All of this is them recognizing Jesus as king, placing themselves under His authority. This is where it begins to get loud.

**Luke 19:37** 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:

Notice what they say:

**Luke 19:38** “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

This is predicted in one of the messianic Psalms:

**Psalms 118:26** Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. From the house of the LORD we bless you.

*“peace in heaven:”* only available through Jesus Christ

*“glory in the highest:”* recognizing Him as promised Messiah King

What is the response of the religious leaders?

**Luke 19:39** Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”

*“rebuke:”* this is a command! They are telling God what to do. Not a good place to be in! Would you just control this crowd? Don’t you understand what they are saying?

**Luke 19:40** “I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

Pharisees, no can do! If I tell them to be quiet this rock will cry out (literally means to scream) in praises to me. You and I were created to praise God and glorify Him. Does God need our praise? No, but we get to! God could get rocks like this to cry out!

We see **His words**: We get to come alongside what God is doing, His plan. He doesn’t have to let us be a part of His plan, but we get to! We see **their worship**: We get to worship and praise God, not because He has to let us, because He could make this rock scream out in praise to Him,, but we get to. Lastly we see:

### **HIS WEeping** v. 41-44

What do we see as Jesus is overlooking Jerusalem?

**Luke 19:41-42** As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it 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.

*“wept:”* strongest word possible to describe weeping in the Greek.

John MacArthur: “It denotes Jesus’ agonized sobbing over their superficial hypocrisy, shallowness, and rejection of Him – and the inevitable divine wrath that would follow.”

The crowd, those in Jerusalem, were looking for peace, not through salvation from sin, but in the overthrow of the tyrannical and godless Roman government. They wanted Jesus to establish His reign now! He came as a servant, on a colt, but they were looking for a king. Someday He will come back as king and someday every knee will bow before Him, but first He came as suffering Savior, the sacrifice for sin, for our sin. Our biggest problem isn’t the government, society, false religions, or the economy. You know what our biggest problem is? It’s sin, the sin that is in each one of us!

Jesus wept because He loved them and came as their Messiah, their only hope of forgiveness and deliverance from their sin, and they said no. Look at what He says will happen to them.

**Luke 19:43** 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.

*“the days will come:”* used in other places in Scripture to refer to God’s judgment.

**Luke 19:44** 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.”

I have to ask myself, “Do I weep for people who don’t know Jesus like the Lord wept for them?” The more you and I get to know God the more we are confronted with our sinfulness and the more aware we become of how desperately we need the grace and mercy of God. Jesus leveled the playing field: no exemptions or exceptions when it comes to needing forgiveness of sin. No other options for forgiveness of sin. Jesus allows me to see myself for who I actually am a sinner in desperate need of His forgiveness.

Sometimes I can be more like the disciples as described in Luke 9.

**Luke 9:51–56** As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. **52** And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; **53** but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. **54** When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, “Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?” **55** But Jesus turned and rebuked them, **56** and they went to another village.

Hell is forever! Heaven is forever! Because of a recognition of our sinfulness and God’s grace and mercy we get to have the same compassion and concern for those without Jesus. We get to! In the midst of worship and praise there is weeping!

### **SO WHAT???**

God has a plan and He allows us to be a part of His plan. He doesn’t need to, but we get to. Am I willing to submit myself to whatever His plan is?

### **I GET TO!!!**

God has created me to worship and praise Him. He doesn’t need my worship and praise (hold up the rock), but I get to. Am I willing to live my life in worship and praise of the One who created me for that purpose?

### **I GET TO!!!**

God has shown a broken heart for those who have and are rejecting Him for they will face His judgment. Through Him, I get to have that same compassion for lost sinners like I once was without Jesus. I get to. Am I willing to weep for those who have yet to come to faith in Jesus, asking God to give me that same broken heart?

### **I GET TO!!!**