WOODVALE
PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Connect Group Sermon Aligned Notes

Sermon Title: Making Room for Jesus
Key Scripture: Luke 19:28-44
Recorded Sermon: https://www.woodvale.ca/pastservices/v/making-room-for-jesus
Date + Speaker: March 24, 2024; Pastor Mark Scarr

The BIG IDEA: We need to Make Room for Jesus in all areas of our lives.

Starter Question:

1. Do you remember the last time you made room for an extra person in an already cramped elevator? Was your instinct to press the 'close doors' sign or try to see if they could fit in?

Discussion Questions to Review (observation):

2. Read Luke 19:28-30 and Zechariah 9:9. Why did Jesus choose to ride on a colt instead of a white horse (symbol of military victory)? [fulfilling prophecy, showing humility]

3. What signs do we see (that the Israelites missed) in Zechariah 9:9-10 that suggested the King coming to Jerusalem would be more of a spiritual conqueror rather than a military conqueror?

4. Read Luke 19:35-36 and Matt. 21:7-8 What items did the people use to honour Jesus? What is the significance of these items? [Most people would only have one coat/cloak] Palm Branches are symbols of Victory, Peace and Eternal Life. Which of these symbolic meanings do you think the crowd was focused upon?

Discussion Questions for Digging Deeper (interpretation and application)

5. Read Luke 19:30 The colt had not been broken in and Jesus was able to ride it successfully into Jerusalem. How difficult has it been to make room for Jesus to take complete control of your life? What lessons have you learned during the 'untying' process?

6. Read Luke 19:31-34. How much faith do you think the disciples required to go ahead and take an expensive colt from its owners just based on the fact the Lord "had need of it"? How have you exercised your faith to act on the Word of God without knowing how other people would react?

7. Read Luke 19:35-38, Matt. 21:7-9, John 12:13-15 Pastor Mark talked about how much our words matter. What role does worship play in your life? What miracles have you experienced that you can tell about?

8. Read Luke 19:35-38 Have you ever experienced a situation where you were sure your heart's desires would be fulfilled in a particular way, but God chose a different way?

9. Read Luke 19:39-44 and 23:13-25 How can we guard against welcoming the wrong influences? And what can we do to keep welcoming Jesus?

Prayer

As Easter Sunday approaches, pray that many people will make room for Jesus.