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The Stain of Pride

Luke 19:28-44

Series: Stained – The Truth About Sin, Salvation and Sanctification

Pride: a high or inordinate opinion of one's own dignity, importance, merit, or superiority, whether as cherished in the mind or as displayed in bearing or conduct.

Central Passage

Luke 19:41–44 (ESV) — 41 And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, 42 saying, "Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. 43 For the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up a barricade around you and surround you and hem you in on every side 44 and tear you down to the ground, you and your children within you. And they will not leave one stone upon another in you, **because you did not know the time of your visitation.**"

Central Thought: A willful and persistent commitment to our own understanding and to getting our own way blinds us to and puts us at odds with the gracious, yet authoritative presence and purpose of God in Christ Jesus.

The Triumphal Entry – Jesus Enters Jerusalem in Kingly Fashion

- ❖ Jesus enters Jerusalem amidst heightened, yet mistaken messianic expectation.

Luke 19:11 (NIV) — 11 While they were listening to this, he went on to tell them a parable, because he was near Jerusalem and **the people thought** that the kingdom of God was going to appear at once.

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- ❖ Jesus is completely in charge of the situation.

Luke 19:29–31 (NIV) — 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.' "

John 10:17–18 (NIV) — 17 The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. 18 **No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord.** I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

- ❖ Jesus intentionally enters Jerusalem in kingly fashion and now openly accepts the praises of the people.

Zechariah 9:9 (NIV) — 9 Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Luke 19:35–40 (NIV) — 35 They brought [the colt] to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the [it] 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...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."**

- ❖ Jesus weeps over the people's prideful rejection of God's plan.

Luke 19:44 (NLT) — 44 They will crush you into the ground, and your children with you. Your enemies will not leave a single stone in place, **because you did not recognize it when God visited you.** "

Homework/Questions

- ❖ Read & Reflect on Luke 19:11-48.
- ❖ Have you humbled yourself in faith before the gracious, kingly authority of Jesus?

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