



Summer Blockbuster Reading Challenge

3 months—4 Gospels—Go!

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Take your Pulse

What is some news that lifted you up today?

What is some news that has brought you down today?

Today's Reading

Luke Chapter 19

Here in chapter 19, the narrative shifts from Jesus routine ministry to his entrance into Jerusalem on a day we refer to as Palm Sunday. The palm branches are absent in this telling of Jesus' entrance. But other elements of the story are familiar. Since the four Gospels all tell the story of Jesus entering Jerusalem, it is easy to think we know all the details of the story. Yet the key differences are worth noting—here Jesus rides a colt, not a donkey. Here he weeps over Jerusalem, but does not offer the word of comfort found in Matthew's story. It is important as we read through the Gospels to do some comparative study of the passages, but also to keep in mind this is Luke's story. The details he chooses are important to the story he is telling. These are key details in what Luke wants us to understand about who Jesus is.



Start the Thinking

Have you ever been in a large crowd, trying to see what the whole crowd is trying to see? How do you make yourself larger in those settings? Have you climbed a tree as Zaccheaus did?



Conversing with God

O Holy God, you pass by our way every day. Sometimes we cannot see you for the crowd that surrounds you blocks our vision. Sometimes we do not see you because our eyes are fixed on other distractions. Draw our attention to you, help us to see you in our midst, and to be ready to recognize the time of your visitation. In your holy name we pray. Amen



Be blessed

May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind always be at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face, and rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of His hand.