

## TREES, TRIUMPH, TEARS, TEMPLE

What's something in your house you want to get rid of but can't? (Please no naming your spouse or children!)

By the time we get to the end of this chapter verse 28 you will see Luke begin to describe the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.

That means he's got a week to go. And the final image Luke wants to leave before Jesus entering Jerusalem to be arrested, tried, crucified – is the image of a Jewish sinner having a conversion experience.

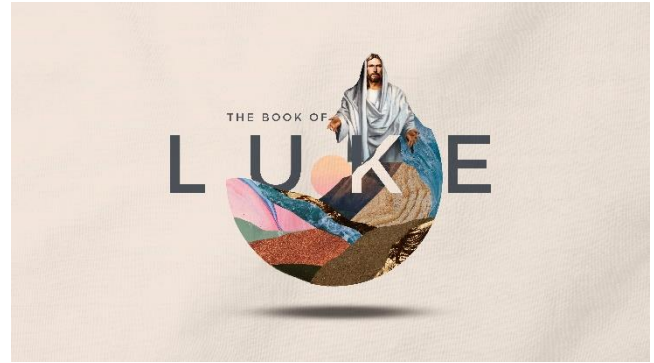
**Read Luke 19:1-10, 28-48** taking the time to reflect upon phrases and words used, new things learned, repeated phrases, words you're unsure of the meaning, questions you're asking and listening to what God is saying:

Jesus calls Zacchaeus out of the tree vv 1-10

Jesus' triumphal entry vv 28-40

Jesus weeps over Jerusalem vv 41-44

Jesus cleanses the Temple vv 45-48



1. Having read the text, what is it that you felt the Holy Spirit was saying to you?
2. What was the significance of this story in the context of the rich young ruler from Ch 18?
3. What was the significance of the story to the first century readers, including a discussion around what was known of Zacchaeus (cf v 9, Luke 3:13)?

4. Note the triumphal entry vv 28-40 (mentioned in all four Gospels). Take your Bible's out and find Jericho, Bethphage and Bethany (where Jesus pauses before entering Jerusalem while preparations are made). Jesus was fulfilling Zechariah 9:9-10 and Psalm 118:26, but what was the symbolism of His entry on a donkey (see Matt 21:2)?
  
5. Why did Jesus weep when he saw Jerusalem while all the people were praising him? (cf Luke 13:34; 23:28-32)
  
6. One of the first things Jesus did was go to the Temple, His Father's house. Remembering this was the week of Passover, why would Jesus go to the Temple? (re cleansing the temple see also John 2:13-22)  
"Jesus went into the Temple and threw out all the people who were buying and selling there. He turned over the tables of those who were exchanging different kinds of money, and he upset the benches of those who were selling doves. Jesus said to all the people there, It is written in the Scriptures, 'My Temple will be called a house for prayer.' But you are changing it into a 'hideout for robbers.'" (Matt. 21:12,13)
  
7. Jesus quoted from Isaiah 56:7 and Jeremiah 7:11 as He was driving out the people who were selling in the temple. The religious leaders were making a prophet from the system of buying and selling of animals for sacrifice.
  
8. Having cleansed the temple Jesus then spent time teaching. Describe the different outcomes of the 'hearers' vv 47-48. And discuss 'where is God's temple now'?

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Take a few moments to record your personal insights from this lesson.

What do you sense the Holy Spirit prompting you from this lesson?