

**1. PALM SUNDAY  
SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
APRIL 5, 2020**

**Understand the Way of Peace - Luke 19:41–48**

It is hard to understand what is going on in the world today. We have a world wide pandemic and we can't gather for church.

Palm Sunday is typically a day of great rejoicing. It usually is an expression of joy in an otherwise somber season.

**2. We need joy and we need peace**, especially this year. There will be no parade of children waving palm branches, shouting, "Hosanna!" And yet Jesus is still the way to peace. Palm Sunday celebrates the "triumphal entry" of Jesus into Jerusalem. It was a day of great rejoicing; but it was also a day of great mourning.

**3. Luke 19:41-42**

*<sup>41</sup> But as they came closer to Jerusalem and Jesus saw the city ahead, he began to weep.*

*<sup>42</sup> "How I wish today that you of all people would understand the way to peace. But now it is too late, and peace is hidden from your eyes.*

Jesus knew what that parade into the city ultimately meant, His death! Shouts of joy from people who *don't understand* were met with tears of sorrow from Jesus who did understand! His journey moves Him closer and closer to the cross. But this journey is the way to peace.

I encourage you to read all of Luke 19 to fully understand the way of peace. It starts with

**5. Zacchaeus (photo)** who climbed a tree to see Jesus coming by. Jesus spends time with this notorious sinner at his home and Zacchaeus is saved.

Look at what it cost him to follow Jesus.

**6. Luke 19:8-10**

<sup>8</sup> *Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood before the Lord and said, "I will give half my wealth to the poor, Lord, and if I have cheated people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much!"* Zacchaeus changed and it cost him.

<sup>9</sup> *Jesus responded,*

**7. "Salvation has come to this home today, for this man has shown himself to be a true son of Abraham.**

**8. For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost."**

Jesus came to *seek and save* and to show Zacchaeus the way of Peace with God and eternal life. Zacchaeus gave up his status, his wealth and his power for something better.

**9. The way to peace is an inward change that leads to outward action.**

It is interesting that during this pandemic so many worldly things have been taken away. Sports, going out to eat, public entertainments, work; and we all stay home, alone or with our families, doing simpler things. (God bless us as we enjoy simpler things) God has changed many of our outward actions. Maybe some will make an inward change that leads them to outward action.

Back to Luke 19. Many in the crowd expected the messiah to be a political leader who would instantly bring on a military kingdom. The way to peace is not through war.

**10. The Parable of the Ten Pounds. (title)**

Jesus tells this story to correct their misunderstanding. This is also called the Parable of the Ten Servants and is similar to the parable of the talents but the implication is very different.

**11. Luke 19:11-14**

<sup>11</sup> *The crowd was listening to everything Jesus said. And because he was nearing Jerusalem, he told them a story to correct the impression that the Kingdom of God*

*would begin right away.*

12. <sup>12</sup> He said, "A nobleman was called away to a distant empire to be crowned king and then return.

13. <sup>13</sup> **Before he left, he called together ten of his servants and divided among them ten pounds of silver, saying, 'Invest this for me while I am gone.'**

14. <sup>14</sup> **But his people hated him and sent a delegation after him to say, 'We do not want him to be our king.'**

They listened but didn't hear.

They wanted Jesus to do things their way.

It would be only five days before the shouts of "Hosanna" would change to shouts of "Crucify Him"!

**15. The way to peace is for Jesus to be who he is and do what he came to do and for us to do what he leads us to do.**

Jesus expects us to use our talents to help His Kingdom grow.

16. Jesus gave each servant a **(photo) mina** (min-ah).

**A mina was worth two hundred denarii.**

A denarius was a day's wage for a laborer. So each servant got four, up to six months wages.

The servants' job was to put their master's money to work while he was gone—making it earn more money through some kind of business venture or investment.

**17. The way to peace is to serve Jesus.**

The Jews knew that in their history, like the nobleman in this story, Herod's son,

**18. Archelaus** (Arch-e-lay-us) traveled to Rome in 4 AD to be crowned king by Augustus but was opposed by a delegation of Jews and did not get the title of King.

In Jesus story, the nobleman, returns as King.

**24. The way to peace is to give God the glory.**

**25. Luke 19:36-38**

*<sup>36</sup> As he rode along, the crowds spread out their garments on the road ahead of him.*

*<sup>26.</sup><sup>37</sup> When they reached the place where the road started down the Mount of Olives, all of his followers began to shout and sing as they walked along, praising God for all the wonderful miracles they had seen.*

*<sup>27.</sup><sup>38</sup> "Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the LORD! Peace in heaven, and glory in highest heaven!"*

**28. The way to peace is to receive Jesus as King!**

**29. Luke 19:41-44**

*<sup>41</sup> But as they came closer to Jerusalem and Jesus saw the city ahead, he began to weep.*

*<sup>30.</sup><sup>42</sup> "How I wish today that you of all people would understand the way to peace. But now it is too late, and peace is hidden from your eyes.*

*<sup>31.</sup><sup>43</sup> Before long your enemies will build ramparts against your walls and encircle you and close in on you from every side.*

*<sup>32.</sup><sup>44</sup> 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 accept your opportunity for salvation."*

**33. The way to peace is salvation through Jesus.**