

Mar 24 Luke 19: 28-48 "The Way of Peace"

Our passage opens with the words "and when Jesus had said these things". Luke seems to suggest that what Jesus has said before will help us to understand what he is doing in our passage. So let's begin our reflection on this text with the parable that precedes it...

Read Luke 19:11-27

1. What does this parable and its context tell us about the Kingdom?

Read Luke 19:28-40; Psalm 118; Zechariah 9:9-12

2. What did Jesus' disciples expect of Jesus by their words and actions?

Read Luke 19:41-44

3. Where will their yearning for the kingdom in the ways they are end up according to Jesus?

Jesus' prophetic utterance is that the people do not understand what makes for peace. Jesus will now reveal to them what does make for peace.

Read Luke 19:45-48; Isaiah 56:3-8, Jeremiah 7:1-12

4. Every revolutionary movement had a temple cleansing. The clearing out of false worship to make way for true worship. In this action what is Jesus saying constitutes false worship, and what constitutes true worship?
5. The only character in the story that receives the peace Jesus brings is the donkey. What does the donkey reveal to us about how Jesus' brings peace?
6. The parable that Luke connects to this story reveals that there is work to be done until the Kingdom comes in its fullness. What Kingdom work are we invited to participate in in light of this passage?