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The Glory of the Humble King

Luke 19.28-40

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The Village Church

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I. Introduction

- A. I am famous in my own household
 - 1. And my fame is not something I would put on my resume
 - a. It is not something that I would count as a particularly strong attribute
 - 2. I'm famous for not seeing things in plain sight
- B. Jean can send me to the refrigerator and get something
 - 1. And she knows me well enough to know that she has to tell me...
 - a. What it looks like
 - b. What shelf it's on
 - c. And if it is behind something
 - 2. And still, I might stand in front on the refrigerator for several minutes before I find it
 - 3. Sometimes the best way to hide something from me is to put it in plain sight
- C. I'm reading a book that is set in WWI France
 - 1. It's about a French village which was occupied by the Germans near the Western Front
 - 2. But the significance about the village is that the village was trying to hide a half dozen British soldiers who had been separated from their units during a retreat as the Germans advanced
 - a. They were doing their best to put them in attics and in basements and in cupboards and in farm sheds
 - b. But it was increasingly difficult to hide them
 - 3. So they came to the conclusion that the best was to hide them was to dress them like the villagers, and let them wander around the village just like they were natives
 - a. They even taught them some basic French in case one of the German soldiers happened to ask them a question
 - 4. So they hid them in plain sight
- D. Jesus had done his best to hide His identity for most of the three years of his public ministry
 - 1. To be sure, He did a lot of things that were spectacular, and stood out
 - a. He healed people
 - b. He cast out demons
 - c. He even raised people from the dead

2. But most of the time, He tried to suppress public recognition of who He was
 - a. He told His disciples not to tell people about Him
 - b. He told some of those whom He healed to keep quiet about it
3. Jesus was very conscious of the time
 - a. He knew that for the better part of His ministry, His “time had not yet come”
 - b. He said that to His mother when He turned water into wine at Cana
 - c. He said that to His brothers when they wanted Him to go up to the feast of Booths at Jerusalem
 - d. When the authorities were trying to arrest Him and were frustrated, it was because His hour had not yet come
4. But when some Gentiles showed up seeking Jesus, it was an indication that all that was about to change
 - a. That His time had come
 - b. His time for the Son of Man to be glorified (**John 12.23**)
- E. It was time for the unveiling of the Messiah
 1. Time for the glory of the Christ to be manifested
 2. Time for the world to begin to catch a glimpse of who the real Jesus was
- F. No more undercover Jesus
 1. No more deus absconditus – the hidden God
- G. And they unveiling took place during Holy Week
 1. The final week of Jesus’ earthly ministry was the time of His revelation
 - a. The time of His unveiling
 - b. The time of His glorification
- H. I wonder, then, what you actually see in the Jesus of the triumphal entry
 1. You see a rather ordinary man
 - a. He’s sitting on a donkey
 - b. And He’s plodding down the road from the Mount of Olives
 - c. And trudging up into Jerusalem
 2. It takes a little while to get there
 - a. Remember – He’s not riding a horse; He’s on a donkey
 - b. In fact, it’s the first time this donkey’s had a rider; probably was awkward
 3. But eventually they get there
- I. Of course, there was a lot more to see
 1. There were a bunch of people
 - a. Disciples and others
 2. And they were doing unusual things
 - a. Like cutting tree branches and laying them, along with their cloaks, on the road
 - b. Kind of like an ancient, poor-man’s red carpet!
 3. And they were singing!
 - a. Singing the praises of this rather ordinary looking chap
- J. Now I really don’t think these people understood exactly why they were doing that

1. Many of these same people were swept up in the mob that just days later called for Jesus' crucifixion
 2. But at the time, they thought this might actually be the guy they were waiting for
 - a. The Messiah
 - b. The David-figure who would overthrow the Romans and reestablish the Jewish people in their own land
- K. But what do you see; who do you see
1. When you observe this Jesus of the triumphal entry?

II. **The Glory of Christ**

- A. When we speak of glory, we're speaking of that which reveals one's nature and character
 1. When we talk about the glory of God we're talking about the visible manifestation of the invisible God
- B. Often in the OT the glory of God was manifested in theophanies
 1. Like the burning bush which was not consumed with Moses
 2. Like the Shekinah glory of the pillar of fire and the pillar of cloud that led the people of Israel around in the wilderness
- C. The most notable occasion of the unveiling of the glory of God took place when Moses asked God to show him His glory
 1. **Exodus 33:18-19** (ESV) —
 - a. 18 Moses said, "Please show me your glory."
 - b. 19 And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name 'The LORD.' And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.
 2. So God placed Moses in the cleft of the rock
 - a. He would not let Moses see the full display of His glory – it would have killed Moses
 - b. So He hid Moses in the rock and passed by, allowing Moses to see "his backside"
 3. But there was a verbal description of the glory that Moses was able to see
 - a. He saw God's goodness
 - b. He saw the name of God – Yahweh – which displays God's self-existence, His independence
 - c. And He saw God's sovereignty in showing grace and mercy on whom He chose
- D. But the best way to see and experience the glory of God is through His Son Jesus Christ
 1. God sending His Son was the greatest revelation of all
 2. Which is kind of ironic, because Jesus did so much during His ministry to keep His glory under wraps
 - a. The glory of God was veiled in human flesh

3. And yet in spite of Jesus keeping His glory under wraps, occasionally His glory poured forth
 - a. As in when He healed people, did miracles, and raised people from the dead
- E. Theologians had a Latin phrase to describe this ironic phenomenon
 1. **Finitum non capax infinitum**
 - a. The finite cannot contain the infinite
 2. You can't completely suppress the infinite with the finite
 - a. Sooner or later, the divine will express itself
- F. **John 1:14** (ESV) —
 1. 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.
- G. The Transfiguration was an example of Jesus revealing His true nature to a select group of disciples
- H. **Luke 9:28–32** (ESV) —
 1. 28 Now about eight days after these sayings he took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray.
 2. 29 And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white.
 3. 30 And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah,
 4. 31 who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.
 5. 32 Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him.
- I. **Luke 9:34–35** (ESV) —
 1. 34 As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud.
 2. 35 And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!”
- J. Jesus Himself, in the Upper Room Discourse shortly before His passion, recognized that in these last days His true nature and character would be unveiled
- K. **John 17:1–5** (ESV) —
 1. 1 When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you,
 2. 2 since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.
 3. 3 And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.
 4. 4 I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do.
 5. 5 And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

- L. Jesus looked forward to, not only that His nature and character would be unveiled through His death
 - 1. But that through His resurrection and ascension, He would return to the His former glory
 - a. The glory He had before He entered into our humanity
- M. But that unveiling actually began with the Triumphal Entry
 - 1. A time in which we see, not just an ordinary man on a donkey, but the Christ, the Messiah

III. **The Glory of Omniscience**

- A. **Luke 19:28–32** (ESV) —
 - 1. 28 And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.
 - 2. 29 When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples,
 - 3. 30 saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here.
 - 4. 31 If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’ ”
 - 5. 32 So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them.
- B. **Luke 22:8–13** (ESV) —
 - 1. 8 So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it.”
 - 2. 9 They said to him, “Where will you have us prepare it?”
 - 3. 10 He said to them, “Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters
 - 4. 11 and tell the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’
 - 5. 12 And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there.”
 - 6. 13 And they went and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.
- C. **John 1:47–49** (ESV) —
 - 1. 47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!”
 - 2. 48 Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.”
 - 3. 49 Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!”
- D. **Luke 21:5–6** (ESV) —
 - 1. 5 And while some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, he said,
 - 2. 6 “As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.”

- E. **Luke 21:20–24** (ESV) —
1. 20 “But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near.
 2. 21 Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it,
 3. 22 for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written.
 4. 23 Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people.
 5. 24 They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

F. **What Jesus Didn’t Know**

1. The humanity of Jesus
2. **Matthew 24:36** (ESV) —
 - a. 36 “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only.”
3. **Luke 2:52** (ESV) —
 - a. 52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.
4. **Luke 2:46** (ESV) —
 - a. 46 After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.
5. **Luke 7:9** (ESV) —
 - a. 9 When Jesus heard these things, he marveled at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, said, “I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith.”

IV. **The Glory of Authority**

- A. **Luke 19:33–34** (ESV) —
1. 33 And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?”
 2. 34 And they said, “The Lord has need of it.”
- B. **Luke 4:31–32** (ESV) —
1. 31 And he went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath,
 2. 32 and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority.
- C. **Luke 4:33–37** (ESV) —
1. 33 And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice,
 2. 34 “Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.”

3. 35 But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent and come out of him!” And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm.
 4. 36 And they were all amazed and said to one another, “What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!”
 5. 37 And reports about him went out into every place in the surrounding region.
- D. **Luke 5:22–26** (ESV) —
1. 22 When Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answered them, “Why do you question in your hearts?”
 2. 23 Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’?
 3. 24 But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the man who was paralyzed—“I say to you, rise, pick up your bed and go home.”
 4. 25 And immediately he rose up before them and picked up what he had been lying on and went home, glorifying God.
 5. 26 And amazement seized them all, and they glorified God and were filled with awe, saying, “We have seen extraordinary things today.”

V. **The Glory of Condescension**

- A. **Luke 19:35–36** (ESV) —
1. 35 And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it.
 2. 36 And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road.
- B. **Zechariah 9:9** (ESV) —
1. 9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
- C. Advent
- D. **Matthew 11:29** (ESV) —
1. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
- E. **Luke 22:27** (ESV) —
1. 27 For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves.
- F. **John 13:3–8** (ESV) —
1. 3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God,
 2. 4 rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist.

3. 5 Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him.
 4. 6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?"
 5. 7 Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand."
 6. 8 Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me."
- G. **Philippians 2:5–8** (ESV) —
1. 5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,
 2. 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,
 3. 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.
 4. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

VI. **The Glory of Sovereignty**

- A. **Luke 19:37–38** (ESV) —
1. 37 As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen,
 2. 38 saying, "**Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!**"
- B. **Daniel 7:13–14** (ESV) —
1. 13 "I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him.
 2. 14 And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.
- C. **Revelation 17:12–14** (ESV) —
1. 12 And the ten horns that you saw are ten kings who have not yet received royal power, but they are to receive authority as kings for one hour, together with the beast.
 2. 13 These are of one mind, and they hand over their power and authority to the beast.
 3. 14 They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for **he is Lord of lords and King of kings**, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful."
- D. **Revelation 19:11–16** (ESV) —
1. 11 Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war.
 2. 12 His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself.

3. 13 He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God.
4. 14 And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses.
5. 15 From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty.
6. 16 On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, **King of kings and Lord of lords.**

VII. **The Glory of Peace**

- A. **Luke 19:38** (ESV) —
 1. 38 saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!**”
- B. **Isaiah 9:6–7** (ESV) —
 1. 6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
 2. 7 Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.
- C. **John 14:27** (ESV) —
 1. 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.
- D. **John 16:33** (ESV) —
 1. 33 I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”
- E. **“Peace be with you”**
 1. Jesus’ exhortation following His resurrection when he met with His disciples behind closed doors on the two Sundays following
- F. **Romans 5:1** (ESV) —
 1. 1 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

VIII. **The Glory of Power**

- A. **Luke 19:39–40** (ESV) —
 1. 39 And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.”
 2. 40 He answered, “**I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.**”
- B. **Luke 3:8** (ESV) —

1. 8 Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham.
- C. **Romans 1:16** (ESV) —
1. 16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

IX. Conclusion

- A. Who do you see in this Triumphal Entry?
- B. The you see the Jesus of...
 1. Omniscience
 2. Authority
 3. Condescension
 4. Sovereignty
 5. Peace
 6. Power
- C. It's all there – hiding in plain sight!