

**Sermon Notes, March 28, 2010**

***Getting Ready for Easter***

Luke 19:28-44

**We All Prepare for Things in Our Own Way.** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Preparing for Easter.** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**THREE WAYS TO PREPARE FOR EASTER**

**1. \_\_\_\_\_ What Jesus \_\_\_\_\_.**

(Luke 19:28-30 NIV) *After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. {29} As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, {30} “Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here.”*

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**2. \_\_\_\_\_ As Jesus \_\_\_\_\_.**

(Luke 19:41-44 NIV) *As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it {42} and said, “If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. {43} The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. {44} They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God’s coming to you.”*

**3. \_\_\_\_\_ Who Jesus \_\_\_\_\_.**  
(Luke 19:37-40 NIV) *When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: {38} “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” {39} Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!” {40} “I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”*

**Talk about the \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus has Done!** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Talk about the \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus has Created!** \_\_\_\_\_  
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*“God is reconciled to the human race” and thus his glory is demonstrated!*  
—Leon Morris

**Recent Statistics from Barna Research (3/15/2010)**

- Most Americans (\_\_\_\_%) can identify Easter as a religious celebration.
- Only a minority of Americans (\_\_\_\_%) understand Easter has to do with a resurrection.
- Among non-churchgoing adults, only \_\_\_\_\_% connect Easter to Jesus’ return to life.
- Overall, \_\_\_\_\_% of churchgoers said they would invite someone they know who does not usually attend church to accompany them to a church service on Easter.
- If that happened, church attendance on Easter in America would increase by \_\_\_\_\_ million.

**Your Mission, Should You Choose to Accept It . . .** \_\_\_\_\_  
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