

**March 25, 2018**

**Palm Sunday**

**“Making Much of Jesus”, Luke 19:28-40**

What do Palm Sunday and today’s first year anniversary of Perry Creek Church have in common? In both we celebrate, praise, and worship Jesus Christ as Messiah and King!

**I. As Christians today, we want to make much of Jesus as His followers did.**

In His “Triumphal Entry” into Jerusalem for Passover, less than a week before He was crucified, Jesus’ disciples were joined by a crowd to recognize Him publicly as royalty, and welcome Him to the City of the King (Luke 19:28-40).

**II. According to Luke 19:28-40, we want to “make much of Jesus” for three reasons:**

**A. Because Jesus Christ is a miracle worker. (Luke 19:37)**

Not only was it a miracle for Jesus to find and get the donkey for Him to ride on to Jerusalem, but he had just previously raised Lazarus, who had been dead for four days (John 11:1-44).

**B. Because Jesus is the Messiah-King.**

Just as the angels sang of Jesus’ glory at His birth (Luke 2:14), the crowd and His disciples now praise God for the “King who comes in the name of the Lord”, bringing “Peace in Heaven and glory in the Highest!” (Luke 19:38)

**C. Because Jesus Is the Master of Creation.**

When the Pharisees demanded Jesus rebuke His disciples because they were acting as if Jesus were divine, He forcefully replied: “If they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.” (Luke 19:40) As Master and Redeemer of Creation, Jesus created this world and is able to restore this life and the world (broken by man’s sin) to be what He made it to be: full of hope, love, and freedom. (Romans 8:14-25)

At Perry Creek Church, we believe God is in control and will renew all life and creation. He is our reason for existing, our meaning in life. We are not made as an end to ourselves or alone, but to serve Jesus the King who reaches out to each of us with His Spirit, with the same compassion, truth, and power today that He did while on earth. And the best way we can serve our community is to bring people to Jesus! It’s not about our deeds, but about praising, worshiping, and obeying Him, our King and our Lord.

Jesus, Messiah-King, continues today with His miracles within ourselves and our relationships to change us into the people He made us for: His beloved children serving others within His creation. As His followers, may we all “make much of Him” every day of our lives.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Ha  
ve you ever seen Jesus perform a miracle? Share! How has this changed your perception of Jesus?
2. Ho  
w does your life proclaim the kingship of Jesus? Is He your king — in part? in full?
3. Wh  
at does Jesus mean when He says: “If they keep quiet, the very stones will cry out”? Is this literally true? Do we keep quiet.....in praising and worshiping God?

4. cording to Romans 8:18-25, what will creation be like when Jesus makes it right? Ac
5. ke 19:28-40 gives us three reasons we want to make much of Jesus (See above). Do you Lu  
know any more?
6. we always remember that the best way we can serve our community is to bring people to Do  
Jesus? Is this truly a priority? What could get in our way of doing this?