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## **SERMON NOTES AND SCRIPTURE**

### **Luke 19:28–44**

28 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. 31 If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it.’”

32 Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. 33 As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?”

34 They replied, “The Lord needs it.”

35 They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. 36 As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

37 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.”

41 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.”

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## **GROUP DISCUSSION**

**Please take a moment to read the passages of Scripture together as a group.**

- If a stranger looked at your life, who would they say is King of your life?
- How would the people closest to you answer that same question?

- Do you agree or disagree with the statement, “It’s possible to be close to religion and still miss God?” Why or why not?
- When Jesus looks at First Free Rockford, what does He see? How does He react?
- When Jesus looks at you, what does He see? How does He react?
- As a disciple of Christ, is it easier for you to “do” or to “be?”
- What peace was Jesus referring to in the final verses of this section? Share a time you’ve experienced the peace of Jesus.