# Final Act

7-14-19

#### Luke 19:11 (ESV) Overhead

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#### **Context:**

- This is the beginning of the Final Act of Jesus' time on earth!
- This Final Act will take place in Jerusalem!
- The people misread this Final Act "because" they supposed that the kingdom of God was to appear immediately!

### **#1 Final Act: The Triumphal Entry – Palm Sunday** Luke 19:28–29 (ESV)

<sup>28</sup> And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup> When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet.

## The Mount of Olives had a significant place in prophecy. This is the place of Jesus' second coming at the end of Times

Zechariah 14:4 (ESV)

On that day his feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives that lies before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall be split in two from east to west by a very wide valley, so that one half of the Mount shall move northward, and the other half southward.

### Before entering Jerusalem, Jesus sends HIS disciples to go get a donkey for HIM to ride.

Luke 19:30 (ESV)

"Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt (of a donkey) tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here.

### This is a clear OT prophetic prediction that will identify Jesus as the coming King and Messiah.

Zechariah 9:9 (ESV)
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.

### Now Jesus begins HIS ride into Jerusalem and the people praise HIM as King and the Messiah!

Luke 19:36-38 (ESV)

<sup>36</sup> And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks (and Palm branches) on the road. <sup>37</sup> 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, <sup>38</sup> saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

### #2 Final Act: Jesus receives and agrees with all the praise that the people give HIM.

Luke 19:39-40 (ESV)

<sup>39</sup> And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." <sup>40</sup> He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

The praise of the coming King and Messiah are all true. However, no one understands that the cross, resurrection, and total destruction of Jerusalem have to come before the Kingdom of God physically comes to the earth.

#### **#3 Final Act: Jesus Weeps over Jerusalem** Luke 19:41-44 (ESV)

<sup>41</sup> And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, <sup>42</sup> saying, "Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. <sup>43</sup> For the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up a barricade around you and surround you and hem you in on every side <sup>44</sup> and tear you down to the ground, you and your children within you. And they will not leave one stone upon another in you, because you did not know the time of your visitation."

Two destructions are forthcoming for Jerusalem. The first one will take place in about 40 years in 70AD by the Roman general Titus. The second one will take place at Jesus' second coming when Jesus returns and spits the Mount of Olives as prophesied in Zech.14:4

Here Jesus is clearly talking about the destruction in 70AD by the Romans.

### #4 Final Act: Now Jesus proceeds to Jerusalem and cleanses out the Temple of God!

Luke 19:45-46 (ESV)

<sup>45</sup> And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold, <sup>46</sup> saying to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be a house of prayer,' but you have made it a den of robbers."

Isaiah 56:7 (ESV)
MY house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

## Back to verse 11, everyone is looking for the immediate appearance of the Kingdom of God!

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The people do not have a full understanding of the Final Act. Jesus had clearly told them just previously in Luke 18:31-33 that HE was going to Jerusalem to be killed. Therefore, Jesus needs to what is going to happen. HE is in fact the promised King and yet HE also has to die in Jerusalem.

Therefore just before entering Jerusalem HE tells them this parable to help them understand. In summary Jesus says, HE will depart for heaven. But HE will give resources and gifts to those believers that HE leaves behind. Then when Jesus returns from heaven, HE will have each person come and give an accounting for his or her time here while HE has been away. Also Jesus describes what will happen to those who reject HIM, specifically the Jews who had Him crucified. We need to pay attention to this parable because it applies to us now waiting for Jesus to return.

Luke 19:12–27 (ESV)

12 He said therefore, "A nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and then return. <sup>13</sup> Calling ten of his servants, he gave them ten minas, and said to them, 'Engage in business until I come.' 14 But his citizens hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We do not want this man to reign over us.' 15 When he returned, having received the kingdom, he ordered these servants to whom he had given the money to be called to him, that he might know what they had gained by doing business. 16 The first came before him, saying, 'Lord, your mina has made ten minas more.' 17 And he said to him, 'Well done, good servant! Because you have been faithful in a very little, you shall have authority over ten cities.' 18 And the second came, saying, 'Lord, your mina has made five minas.'

<sup>19</sup> And he said to him, 'And you are to be over five cities.' <sup>20</sup> Then another came, saying, 'Lord, here is your mina, which I kept laid away in a handkerchief; <sup>21</sup> for I was afraid of you, because you are a severe man. You take what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.' 22 He said to him, 'I will condemn you with your own words, you wicked servant! You knew that I was a severe man, taking what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow? <sup>23</sup> Why then did you not put my money in the bank, and at my coming I might have collected it with interest?' 24 And he said to those who stood by, 'Take the mina from him, and give it to the one who has the ten minas.' 25 And they said to him, 'Lord, he has ten minas!' 26 'I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. <sup>27</sup> But as for these enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, bring them here and slaughter them before me.' "

#### **Summary: Overhead**

- #1 Jesus will go away to receive a Kingdom #2 Jesus gives HIS people ability and gifts to carry on HIS business while HE is gone #3 Some reject Jesus, "HE will not reign over us!" #4 Jesus will return from Heaven and have HIS followers give an accounting of their time on earth.
  - Those who have been productive for Jesus will be praised and rewarded!
  - Those who didn't do anything for Jesus will be rebuked!

#### **#5 Those who reject Jesus will be condemned!**

Brothers and sisters Jesus wants us to us to carry out HIS business on earth until HE returns. If we do, Jesus will say to us, "Well done, good servant and because you have been faithful in a very little, I will reward you!"

#### No question Salvation is a free gift.

Ephesians 2:8–9 (ESV) Overhead

<sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

However Jesus expects us to carry in HIS business while we are here. Note the next verse after Jesus tells us that salvation is a free gift.

Ephesians 2:10 (ESV) Overhead

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

We are equipped, powerful, and have a purpose through Jesus! Nothing is impossible to us! What are we going to say when Jesus comes back?

Prophetic Team

Hear from the Holy Spirit to change the current situation or impact the future.