

# Centered in Jesus

## ***Majesty Rides in Humility***

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Luke 19:29-40

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**Introduction:** In Ephesians 2:19 the apostle Paul writes: "...you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone; in him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God." (NRSV) As we begin a new calendar year and a new era at UPC it is time to ask ourselves the question "What does it mean to live my life with Christ at the center?" In this series, we will look into scripture for pictures of what that looked like for the people of Jesus' time and the early church. The clues we find will help us construct an actionable answer to this question so that we can take stock of where we are and take steps to make Jesus the center of our lives.

**Review:** How do you react to change? To Jesus as an agent of change?

**Read:** Luke 19:29-40

**Prayer:** Father, we rejoice with the whole crowd as Jesus approaches Jerusalem. Amen

### **Discussion:**

1. Why did Jesus go on ahead of his disciples at this point?
2. What is the biblical significance of Jesus using a colt which "no one has ever ridden"?
3. Can you imagine yourself with the crowd spreading your cloak in the road and praising joyfully? Explain.
4. What was the problem with "some" of the Pharisees?
5. How did Jesus respond? What did Jesus mean with this response?

**Application:** Live the events of this week, up to Easter

**Prayer:** Father God, thank you for Jesus as he knows what is coming soon. Amen