

# Seeing Your Messiah

Luke 19-24



**BIBLE STUDY GUIDE**  
**9 & 10.30am Gatherings**





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Dear 9 and 10.30am folk,

Easter will soon be upon us, and our sermon series will take us through Luke chapters 19-24, covering Jesus' arrival into Jerusalem for the last time, and culminating in Jesus' passion and resurrection which we will celebrate on the Easter weekend.

It is unlikely that those who welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem waving palm branches in the air really knew that he was the Messiah. (This was the crowd who would soon shout 'Crucify!') More likely they were doing what they looked forward to every year: being swept up in the annual pilgrimage to Jerusalem, singing the words from Psalm 118 which calls on them to wave their palm branches.

The blindness of the crowd is a salutary caution against simply being swept up with an annual religious event, which can itself blind us to seeing the real Messiah in front of us. In Luke 19-24, Jesus lays out before those who are spiritually blind the realities of his coming as Messiah. Ironically, it is those we'd least expect – such as those who are physically blind - who are able to see. So, if these chapters and events seem familiar to you, pray that God would open your eyes to see your Messiah afresh this Easter.

I'm excited to be taking the journey with you in the pulpit, as you make your way through the studies in your small groups. These studies were prepared by Steph Van Leuwen, and are characteristically discussion based, being written for small group use.

May we see him and all God has done for us through him!

In Christ,  
Chris Jolliffe



## 1 Study 1: Luke 18:31 — 19:44

*Aim: To respond appropriately (with joy and obedience) to Jesus.*

1. Think of some times when you have tried to share about Jesus with others. How have they responded?

### **Read Luke 18:31-19:10**

2. What is Jesus' purpose in heading to Jerusalem?
3. On the way, as they pass through Jericho (a Gentile city), Jesus encounters a blind beggar and a short man called Zacchaeus. How do each of these men respond to Jesus? How does Jesus respond to them?











Passage	Who asked the question (and why)	The question asked of Jesus	Jesus' answer	Outcome
20:1-19				
20:20-26				
20:27-40				

4. What do we learn about the kingdom of God from these episodes?

5. According to the parable in verses 9-19, who does Jesus say that he is?



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6. Read Psalm 118. How does Jesus fulfill this Psalm?

### **Read 20:41-21:4**

7. Suddenly, Jesus asks some questions of his own in 20:41-44. How would you explain in simple terms about the identity of 'the Christ' to an unbelieving friend?
8. From 20:45-21:4, what do we learn about the kingdom of God?

*Pray for unbelieving friends and family- that they might come to recognise Jesus for who he is and respond in faith.*



## 3 Study 3 - Luke 21:5-38

*Aim: Understand what life in the 'last days' is like.*

1. What are some of the theories about the end of the world?

### **Read Luke 21:5-38**

2. What warnings does Jesus give his disciples?

3. What comforts does Jesus give his disciples?















8. Can you imagine yourself in Peter's situation? Have you ever felt the same way?

*Thank the Lord Jesus for his willing sacrifice on our behalf, despite the enormous pain and suffering it caused him.*



## 5 Study 5: Luke 22:63 — 23:56

*Aim: To slow down and be reminded of Jesus' death on the cross.*

### Read Luke 22:63-23:56

1. What accusations or charges do the chief priests and teachers of the law find Jesus guilty of in 22:66-23:25? How does Jesus defend himself?

2. How do each of the characters in this story respond to Jesus?

The guards

Council of elders, chief priests and teachers of the law



Pilate

Herod

The crowd

The women and those who followed him



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The soldiers

The criminal on the right

The criminal on the left

The centurion

Joseph of Arimathea











3. How much of Jesus' prophecy in 24:45-49 has already been fulfilled?

4. How did the disciples respond to the risen Lord Jesus?





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