

Preparing for the King

Luke 19:28-40

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Memory Verse:

“After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go.” —Luke 10:1

God prepares where He plans to go.

1. **Forerunners** of the King.

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.—Luke 19:29-30a

Old Testament Examples:

Jacob’s reunion with Esau	(Genesis 31-33)
Joseph and food in Egypt	(Genesis 45:5, 7)
Elijah preparing for Messiah	(Malachi 3:1)

New Testament Examples:

The Star at Jesus’ Birth	(Matthew 2:9)
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Prevenient Grace: The divine love that surrounds all humanity and precedes any and all of our conscious impulses. This grace prompts our first wish to please God, our first glimmer of understanding concerning God’s will, and our ‘first slight transient conviction’ of having sinned against God. (2004 Book of Discipline)

2. Who prepared **you** for the King?

“See, I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,” says the LORD Almighty. —Malachi 3:1

Whom do you wish to thank God for _____?

Who can you still thank personally _____?

There is a process to sudden conversion.

3. Who are you **preparing** for the King?

“And as for you, brothers, never tire of doing what is right.” —2 Thessalonians 3:13

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” —Galatians 6:9

Circle what you are currently doing in others’ lives.

Ground preparing

Seed sowing

Cultivating

Weeding

Watering

Harvesting

4. **Differing** Responses

YES—

“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” —Luke 19:37-38

NO—

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!” —Luke 19:39 (Luke 9:51)

PREPARATION—

“So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.” —Acts 6:7

APPLICATION: Four Responses

1. Give **Thanks**—to God or others.
2. **Never** stop praying—continue in doing good.
3. **Admit** where you are—prayerfully consider.
4. Step **Across** the line to faith—Confess your faith in Christ.