

# Growth Group Bible Study

The Week that Was for Jesus - Sermon Series  
*Jesus' Declaration of Authority*

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**Reading** Luke 19:28 – 2:8

## Opening Questions

1. Who had the most earthly authority over you growing up? Who has the most earthly authority over you now as an adult?
2. How well have you or do you respond to authority?
3. How do you see Jesus “exercising authority” over you on a daily basis?

## Study

1. How is Jesus’ authority as God declared and displayed in His triumphal entrance (Palm Sunday) as recorded in Luke 19:28-40? cf. Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26; Isaiah 55:12 with parallel accounts in Matt. 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; John 12:12-19
2. In Luke 19:41-44 what does Jesus predict and how did He feel about people “not recognizing the time of (their) visitation” of Jesus (19:44)?
3. Whom do you think about the most (and pray for) who is not a believer, who has not yet “recognized the time of their visitation”?
4. How does Jesus declare and display His authority in the “cleansing of the temple” in Luke 19:45-48? What bothered Jesus so much about what was going on in the temple? cf. John 2:13-16; Matt. 21:12-13; Mark 11:15-18

5. Luke 19:48 says that “the people were hanging on to every word (of Jesus)”. cf. Matt. 7:9. How does their attitude toward Jesus differ from that of religious leaders and why?
  
6. In Luke 20:1-8, how does Jesus declare His authority and “answer” the question of “by what authority do you do these things and who gave it to you” (vs2)? cf. John 1:29, 36
  
7. Read Matt. 28:18 and list some ways that Jesus has “all authority” in our world and in our lives.
  
8. How are we to “submit to the authority of Jesus” and why is that a comfort and not a burden?
  
9. In what ways is just knowing Jesus’ authority not enough? What more is necessary and how do people get there?

### **Application**

1. Reflect on Jesus’ authority this week and pray about ways to acknowledge that daily in our lives.