

# Sermon Discussion

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Luke 19:9-27

**Conversation Starters:** If you were a contestant on a game/reality show, which one would you choose and why?

## Outline

### Alone In A Crowd

1. Jesus is God, beyond the shadow of a doubt!
  - a. Jesus' omniscience proves He is God. (Luke 19:30-34)
  - b. Jesus' fulfillment of Messianic prophecies proves He is God.
    - i. The precise timing of the Messiah's entry to Jerusalem: prophesied by Daniel, and fulfilled by Jesus. (Daniel 9:24-26)
    - ii. The fact that the Messiah would ride a colt: prophesied by Zechariah, and fulfilled by Jesus. (Zechariah 9:9)
2. You need to love Jesus primarily because of what He did for you, not for what He can do for you. (Luke 19:37-38, John 12:17-18)

### 3 Results of Loving Jesus For What He's Done

1. You can stop trying to impress God and live in the freedom of being accepted by God. (Romans 3:20-28)
2. You can stop living under the weight of guilt and shame because you are in Christ Jesus. (Romans 8:1)
3. Your life can be defined by what is real instead of what you feel. (2 Corinthians 4:17-18)

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1. When have you felt "alone in a crowd?"
2. Why was the crowd able to go from praising God to shouting to crucify him in only a matter of days?
3. The crowd was praising God for miracles they saw Jesus do and hoping that he would overthrow the unjust Roman empire. Is it wrong to pray for God to do things that we want? How can we pray for things and praise God for things in a way that is still mainly focused on what he has done for us?
4. Pastor Peter said "Conservatively, Jesus fulfilled at least 300 prophecies in His earthly ministry!" Why is that important to you?
5. Does Jesus' omniscience (He knows everything) bring you peace? Why or why not?
6. How can you tell if you love Jesus because of what He's done vs. what He might do?
7. When is a time in which you found yourself looking more for God to do something for you than relying on what he already did?
8. Review the list of "3 Results of Loving Jesus For What He's Done." Which of those have you experienced? Which of those did you need to be reminded of today?
9. In what ways has knowing your acceptance in Christ impacted the way you deal with guilt and feelings of shame in your life?
10. Can you identify a situation where you were focused on transient things over the eternal? How can you shift your focus to unseen eternal matters in similar situations?