

CBC's Church-Wide Scripture Memory Challenge

PASSAGE #7—

Luke 19:37-40; especially Verse 38

Sunday, August 10, 2025 to Sunday, September 21, 2025

³⁷ As He was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of His disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸ **saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"** ³⁹ And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." ⁴⁰ He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

(Luke 19:37-40, English Standard Version)

Written by: Luke

Date: Between 58ad and 65ad

Written to: "Most excellent Theophilus," perhaps a Roman dignitary (See Luke 1:3).

Context: Luke's purpose was to reveal the Lord Jesus Christ and all He "began to do and to teach until the day He was taken up to heaven" (Acts 1:1-2). The Gospel of Luke often provides details not included in the other gospel accounts. Luke was a careful historian who emphasized Christ's ministry to, and compassion for, Gentiles, Samaritans, women, children, tax collectors, sinners, and others regarded as outcasts in Israel. Luke was himself a Gentile, which may have added to his motivation to show that Jesus and His Gospel was for anyone who would call on the name of the Lord.