

Sermon Handout
“Triumphal Departure”
Exodus 12:29-42

- I.** The circumstances of Israel’s departure from Egypt
 - A.** Moses & Pharaoh – final confrontation vv. 31-32a
10:28-29; 12:31-32; 11:8
The meaning of “summon” – Numb 16:12; Is 61:1; Ps 57:3
 - B.** “Bless me also” v. 32b
The Joseph story – Israel welcomed Gen 47:7-10
Now Pharaoh is humbled (Ex 12:32) but what is the blessing?
Pharaoh is asking for the curse to be reversed
No actual blessing is recorded; leaving is the blessing.
Closing out the era of Israel in Egypt
 - C.** Departure in haste vv. 33-34, 39
Thus the meaning of the unleavened bread vv. 34 & 39
 - D.** Departure with abundance vv. 35-36
Israel carried out much in goods (“gladly gave”)
Israel “spoiled” Egypt (a military term - *cf.* v. 51)

- II.** The circumstances of Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem Mt 21:1-22
 - Jerusalem has become like Egypt, Caiaphas like Pharaoh
 - Temple worship has been defiled v. 13
 - Caiaphas objects to Jesus’ authority v. 23
 - Jesus enters as the “Son of David,” the true King vv. 1-9
 - Jesus visits the temple, challenging the religious order vv. 10-17
 - Jesus causes the fig tree to wilt vv. 18-22

 - A** The old temple shown to be defiled and unfruitful vv.12-17
 - B** The fruitless fig tree dies vv.18-22
 - A¹** The old unfruitful temple is cast off vv. 23-27; 42-46 (*cf.* 24:1-2)

- III.** Jesus coming into Jerusalem signals the overthrow of the old order
 - A.** The temple is set aside (eventually destroyed) Ch 24
 - B.** Passover is replaced by the New Covenant Table Ch 26:1-35
 - C.** The High Priest is shown to be apostate Ch 26:36-68
 - D.** The result is the liberation of God’s people Ch 28