

A TEAR SHED IN TRIUMPH

Luke 19:28-44

In our Lord's final days on earth, His followers passed through a strange mixture of emotions. He kept telling them He was about to be crucified and risen, but His activities didn't look that way.

In fact the people respond enthusiastically to His arrival.

Following our Lord's transfiguration before the three disciples on the mountain, **Luke 9:51** tells us that He "*set His face*" to go up to Jerusalem (a firm, unshakable resolve), knowing He was going there to die.

Jesus' journey ends at outskirts of Jerusalem 9:51-19:27

In preparation for rejection,

Jesus presents Himself formally to the nation.

JESUS' TRIUMPHAL ENTRY 19:28-44

He enters in triumph, but knows it will end in rejection.

Preparation 19:28-35

His time has come **28-31** "*Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹As he approached Bethphage & Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent 2 of his disciples, saying to them, ³⁰Go to the village ahead of you, & as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it & bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' tell him, 'The Lord needs it'*"

Jesus is making an indirect announcement.

He needs it because His time has come.

Until now Jesus told His followers to tell no one;

His time had not come.

Now it has come.

He sends the disciples to fetch a donkey, and tell the owners "*The Lord needs it.*"

Owners cooperate 32-34 "*Those who were sent ahead went & found it just as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' ³⁴They replied, 'The Lord needs it*"

Now the time's right.

This is the exact day Daniel predicted.

People are expecting Messiah's coming.

Owners let them take their colt.

They have no idea what's about to happen!

But they expect *something* significant to occur.

Donkey cooperates.

Our Lord's sovereignty is affirmed

by the donkey's submission to His authority.

It has never been broken, yet it offers no resistance.

If Jesus is Lord, He can handle it. And He does!

Shows He's Messiah by fulfilling Zech. 9:9:

*"Your King comes to you,... riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey."*

Procession 36-38 *"As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: ³⁸**Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven & glory in the highest!"***

The time is right.

Jesus presents Himself on day Daniel promised.

Also day in Passover when lamb is selected.

Disciples worship Him.

They praise God because the King has come, the One who would come in the name of the Lord

Protest 39-40 *Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" ⁴⁰"I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."*

Religious leaders reject the praise

Rejection foreshadowed by protest over praise received.

The stones support the praise

If human followers are silent, stones will proclaim Him.

He deserves all praise they direct toward Him

TEARFUL PREDICTION OF JUDGMENT 41-44

As he approached Jerusalem & saw the city, he wept over it ⁴²& said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it's hidden from your eyes. ⁴³The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment

against you & encircle you & hem you in on every side. ⁴⁴They'll dash you to the ground, you & the children within your walls. They'll not leave 1 stone on another, because you didn't recognize the time of God's coming to you."

When you come over the hill, from Mount of Olives you see a dramatic view of Jerusalem.

As Jesus is struck by that view, he weeps.

Jesus' concern for the city

He weeps as He predicts impending destruction

He knows of rejection, but rather than lash out in vengeance, responds with tears.

Wiersbe: "No matter where Jesus looks, He sees cause to weep:

He looks back, He sees how nation wasted opportunities & has been ignorant of their "time of visitation."

He looks within, He sees spiritual ignorance & blindness

As He looks around, sees religious activities that accomplish little. Temple is den of thieves; religious leaders seek to kill Him; pilgrims celebrate festival, but hearts are heavy: they have no peace.

As He looks ahead, sees judgment coming against great city God loved. After 143 day siege, 600,000 will die, 1000s taken captive, & city will lie in ruins.

Why? They don't know God has visited them!

Did you pick up on that word? "You didn't recognize the time of **GOD's Coming to You!**"

He's making a clear affirmation of Who He is:

HE IS GOD!

Jesus compares self to "mother hen" desiring to protect her chicks.

Like a mother who sees a child on a collision course and can do nothing to stop it

His desire for them is for peace; He can give it to them

But they're about to reject Him.

Their response to Him

They're blind to the truth about Jesus
Judgment is announced against that generation
because they reject Messiah.

=> A.D. 70—judgment came against *that generation*

Jesus foresees destruction and *weeps!*

3 statements concerning *their response to Him*:

1. **They don't know the One who came to bring them peace**
2. **It's hidden from their eyes**
3. **They don't recognize time of God's coming** God Himself has come for a visit; they don't know it!

Result of their rejection

They'll be surrounded
People & their children will be killed—die horrible death.
Not 1 stone will be left on another

FOUR LESSONS FOR US TO CONTEMPLATE:

1. **Owners risk loss of their precious animal, because the Lord needs it.**
Is that how we respond when God tells us He needs something which is valuable to us?
Are we willing to give Him whatever He asks?
2. **They come around the corner, see the city, & are moved to praise God.**
Their praise is... *spontaneous "joyful" loud.*

What does our worship look like?

There are lots of fakes, trying to imitate true worship with gimmicks, rituals, and showmanship.

But the real thing does exist!

The disciples had it, and we need it too.

We worship God

because He deserves our worship,

**but also because *we* have a need
to worship Him.**

How do we respond during our praise time?

It's biblical to praise God joyfully!

God wants *our hearts* to cry out to Him,
more than our mouths to praise Him.

The people realize *they're with the King*.

They couldn't help but respond
in worship and praise!

When the religious leaders criticize them,
Jesus tells them that if they shut up,
the stones will cry out!

There were critics

There were showmen—some joining the crowd, putting on
a show

They made nice act; when crowd went other way,
those that shouted "Hosannah! Hosannah!"
later shouted "Barabbas! Barabbas!"
and finally, "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!"

That's what the crowd does.

People who go along with crowd
never really worship Him.

Because the crowd doesn't.

It just goes through the motions.

**BUT, some worship Him,
in spirit & in truth!**

3. Jesus' response to rebellion & rejection is to shed tears for them

Mothers shed tears when they observe wayward children headed
in the wrong direction, because they love them!

Jesus looks on the crowd and weeps.

When we see wayward people around us. ***Do we care?***

When's last time we looked out over our town,

moved to tears for people who haven't turned to Christ?
 Jesus left heaven to go to Jerusalem, God put Him there. He
 has brought **US** here too!

Millions in our city have no idea where to find peace.

They look in all the wrong places!

*Do we care? Do we shed tears for them? **God does!***

4. Finally, 4th issue: their blindness to the truth.

It's "hidden from your eyes"

*They're judged "because you did not recognize the time of
 God's coming to you"*

A 2-sided issue:

From their side they're blind

because they're not willing to see the truth.

"There's no 1 so blind, as 1 who WILL NOT see!"

They didn't want to know the truth.

**From Jesus' side, & ours, before people can be judged, they
 need an opportunity to see the truth.**

But what if we aren't faithful in presenting it to them?

**Jesus looks on the city going through religious motions
 and weeps!**

Do WE care?