

What do you see?

Luke 19:28-44

Palm Sunday - 2016



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28 After He had said these things, He was going on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. **29** When He approached Bethphage and Bethany, near the mount that is called Olivet, He sent two of the disciples, **30** saying, "Go into the village ahead of you; there, as you enter, you will find a colt tied on which no one yet has ever sat; untie it and bring it here. **31** "If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say, 'The Lord has need of it.'" **32** So those who were sent went away and found it just as He had told them. **33** As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" **34** They said, "The Lord has need of it." **35** They brought it to Jesus, and they threw their coats on the colt and put Jesus on it. **36** As He was going, they were spreading their coats on the



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road. 37 As soon as He was approaching, near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the miracles which they had seen, 38 shouting: "BLESSED IS THE KING WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD; Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" 39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples." 40 But Jesus answered, "I tell you, if these become silent, the stones will cry out!" 41 When He approached Jerusalem, He saw the city and wept over it, 42 saying, "If you had known in this day, even you, the things which make for peace! But now they have



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been hidden from your eyes. 43 "For the days will come upon you when your enemies will throw up a barricade against you, and surround you and hem you in on every side, 44 and they will level you to the ground and your children within you, and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not recognize the time of your visitation."



God's People

- ▶ What they wanted?
 - ▶ Messiah, prosperity, free from Rome
 - ▶ Looked for King and conqueror!
- ▶ What did they get?
 - ▶ A borrowed burro! Covered in coats
 - ▶ A weeping prophet... (vs 41)
 - ▶ Pharisees rebuked them; Jesus taught

God's leaders?

- ▶ What they wanted?
 - ▶ To show their holiness over others
 - ▶ To catch Jesus in error, “their truth”
 - ▶ To justify their lives and actions
- ▶ What did they get?
 - ▶ Screaming stones!
 - ▶ Rebuke from Jesus - No silence!!!
 - ▶ A “clean” temple prophecy

God's Chosen

- ▶ What Jesus wanted?
 - ▶ To serve and obey the Father!
 - ▶ To bring the Kingdom of God
- ▶ What did He get?
 - ▶ A earful of shouting and demands
 - ▶ An eyeful of tears!
 - ▶ A heart filled with brokenness

God's view...

- ▶ If you had known... but now...
 - ▶ Someone, something, somewhere else!
 - ▶ Preconceptions and expectations
 - ▶ Accountable for what we miss!
- ▶ Your day!
 - ▶ Spurgeon: “face to face with the strange god and I thought I should have to yield, but I did not...”

The things which make for peace

- ▶ At His birth, He called for peace
- ▶ All His ministry He gave “His peace”
- ▶ All His miracles made for peace
- ▶ Today is a day for recognition:
 - ▶ God would bring you peace!
 - ▶ Not by revolution nor by religion,
 - ▶ ...but by repentance!

