

The Joy and Tears of Palm Sunday

Text: Luke 19:35-44

They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. ³⁶As 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!”^[b]

“Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

³⁹Some 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.”

⁴¹As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it ⁴²and said, “If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. ⁴³The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. ⁴⁴They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God’s coming to you.”

Introduction:

Palm Sunday began with joy as Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time, but ended in his weeping over Jerusalem.

- I. The People Were Joyful Over What They Thought Was Going to Happen (v.35-40).
 - A. The people saw a miracle working Messiah, not a Savior.
 - B. The people recognized Jesus as the Messiah, but had an earthly agenda for Him.
- II. Jesus Was Tearful Over What He Knew Was Going to Happen (v.41-44).
 - A. When Jesus saw Jerusalem, He saw his people—past, present and future.
 - B. When Jesus saw Jerusalem, He saw all their future pain because they “did not recognize the time of God’s coming.”

Conclusion