

The Triumphal Rejection!

Luke 19:37-48

At the conclusion of Jesus' three-year ministry he rode into Jerusalem accompanied by the sound of accolades and praise as people welcomed their King! However, the fan fair was short lived! Several days later he was tortured and crucified as he offered himself for the sins of the world. The very people who hailed him as their King, were the ones who cried out "Crucify Him" several days later. In today's message, we unpack the drama of the Messiah's ride into Jerusalem.

#1. THE DISCIPLES ACCEPT JESUS AS THEIR MESSIAH, vv. 37-38

- A. The evidence of his miracles, v. 37
- B. The witness of Scripture, v. 38a, Ps 118:26
- C. The "King (Jesus)" comes in the name of the Lord, v. 38, Ps 118:26
- D. The Messiah brings peace – reconciliation with God, v. 38, John 14:6, Isa 9:6
- E. Jesus brings glory to God, v. 38, Lk 2:14

#2. THE CROWDS ARE INDECISIVE ABOUT JESUS AS THEIR MESSIAH, v. 37

- A. The crowds praise Jesus, Mat 21:9 & 11
- B. The crowds were inconsistent about Jesus
- C. The crowds followed Jesus for selfish reasons, John 6:60-67
- D. The crowds demanded Jesus' death days later, Lk 23:21

#3. THE PHARISEES REJECT JESUS AS THE MESSIAH, vv. 39-40

- A. They were offended by the praises, v. 39
- B. They demanded Jesus silence them, v. 39
- C. Their way of life was threatened, v. 39
- D. The Pharisees saw Jesus as a Teacher, v. 39
- E. The stones have more spiritual insight than the Pharisees, v. 40
- F. It was time to reveal his Messiahship, v. 40
- G. No more "Messianic secret", v. 40, 9:19-21

#4. THE NATIONAL HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF, vv. 41-44

- A. Jesus wept (sobbed) over Jerusalem, v. 41, Lk 13:34-35
- B. Jerusalem missed their opportunity for peace, v. 42, Acts 13:27
- C. The meaning was hidden from them, v. 42
- D. Jesus prophesied the events of AD 70, vv. 43-44, 21:20
- E. Jerusalem missed the time of God's visitation, v. 44

#5. THE RELIGIOUS ESTABLISHMENT IS UNACCEPTABLE TO JESUS, vv. 45-48

- A. Jesus drove out the money-changers, v. 45
- B. They set up obstacles to worshipping God, v. 46
- C. The leaders wanted Jesus dead, v. 47
- D. The people were captivated by Jesus' words, v. 48

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Luke 19:37-48 When 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 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." ⁴⁵When Jesus entered the temple courts, he began to drive out those who were selling. ⁴⁶"It is written," he said to them, "'My house will be a house of prayer'; but you have made it 'a den of robbers.'" ⁴⁷Every day he was teaching at the temple. But the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the leaders among the people were trying to kill him. ⁴⁸Yet they could not find any way to do it, because all the people hung on his words.

Luke 13:34-35 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! ³⁵Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

#1. What is the danger in focusing on Jesus' miracles rather than focusing on the person of Jesus?

#2. Do miracles, signs and wonders always conjure up true saving faith? Explain

#3. What is the significance of the crowd quoting Psalm 118:26 and Isaiah 9:6?

#4. The crowd of disciples appears to have accepted Jesus as their Messiah. However, was their faith real or was it just an emotional response? (Matthew 27:20-26, Mark 15:11)

#5. Read John 6:60-67 and discuss why the crowds were following Jesus?

#6. Read vv. 39-40 and discuss the exchange between the Pharisees and Jesus.

#7. Describe how Jesus felt as he approached Jerusalem? (vv. 41-44, Luke 13:34-35)

#8. What happened to Jerusalem in A.D. 70?

#9. Annas and Caiaphas had a lucrative business selling animals in the temple courts. In what way(s) did Jesus threaten them? (vv. 45-48)

#10. Note the popularity Jesus had with the people, but the religious establishment is plotting to kill him. What do you make of this?

#11. What is your takeaway from this teaching?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOOD FRIDAY 6:30pm

Our doors are open for our Good Friday service (also on zoom). Join us in person as we contemplate the crucifixion of Jesus.

EASTER SUNDAY 10:30am

Celebrate the resurrection of Christ in person with your fellow Hillcrest worshipers. The service will also be broadcast on zoom for those who can't attend in person.

EASTER SUNDAY EGG HUNT

After the Easter service meet at the front door and the egg hunt will begin for the children.

CHILDREN'S WORKERS

We need help in the children's ministry. If you are willing to help out contact Melissa.

FOLLOWING COVID GUIDELINES

- Wear a mask
- Social distance
- No food or beverages will be served
- Hand sanitizers are available in the building
- If you have any symptoms please stay home
- Let common sense prevail

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