

# Theme: Jesus Rode into Jerusalem – To Bring Peace

April 14, 2019 – Luke 19:37-42 (NIV)

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*“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: (A Victory March) Blessed is the King Who comes in the Name of the Lord! Peace in heaven glory in the highest! Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, Teacher, rebuke your disciples! I tell you, He replied, If they keep quiet, the stones will cry out. As He approached Jerusalem and saw the city, He wept over it and said, If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace – but now it is hidden from your eyes.”*

The March Madness NCAA Basket Ball tournament just recently ended. The two teams that were in the final each had their own school song, which sometimes are referred to as “Fight Songs”.

The students sing it at Pep rallies, they sing it at games, the cheer leaders do cartwheels and flips and the Pep band plays and the students sing at the top of their lungs.

As Jesus rode into Jerusalem, the crowds sang.

**Luke 19:38 – Blessed is the King Who comes in the Name of the Lord! Peace in heaven glory in the highest!**

**Matthew 21:9 – Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

**Mark 11:9-10 - Hosanna! – Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!**

**John 12:13 – Hosanna! Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord! Blessed is the King of Israel!**

Despite all the singing and the showing of respect by putting cloaks and palm branches before the Lord Jesus, we learn that Jesus was crying:

**Vs. 41 – As He approached Jerusalem and saw the city, He wept over it**

**Vs. 42 – and said, If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you PEACE – but now it is hidden from your eyes.**

What type of Peace is Jesus speaking of?

Peace between God and Mankind, which Jesus reestablished by His perfect life on this earth, His innocent suffering and death and His glorious resurrection.

The angels sang as they announced the birth of Jesus to the Shepherds.

**Luke 2:14 – Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth PEACE to men on Whom His Favor rests.**

Because of what Jesus has done for us on the Cross of Calvary, we can look forward to singing praises to God forever in heaven together with the Great Multitude:

**Revelation 5:12 – Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!**

**Revelation 5:13 – To Him Who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power forever and ever!**

**Revelation 7:10 – Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne and to the Lamb.**

**Revelation 7:12 – Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God forever and ever.**

Unfortunately, many at the time of Jesus did not understand or believe in the type of peace Jesus had come to bring. Jesus came to bring peace between God and Mankind by paying for the sin of the world by His innocent suffering and death, and glorious resurrection. **AMEN!**