

# Jesus Brings Peace!

March 20, 2016 – Palm Sunday

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**Luke 19:41-44 – “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 days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. They 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.”**

What type of things make people cry?

This morning we see that Jesus wept!

We are told one other place in Scripture that Jesus wept. (John 11:35)

Jesus wept at the grave of Lazarus.

This Morning Jesus is weeping as he was riding into Jerusalem.

Why was He weeping on this PALM Sunday?

The crowds were laying Palm branches before Him as well as their cloaks on the road. The crowds, which included children, were shouting out.

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

***Blessed is the King Who comes in the Name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the Highest!*** (Luke 19:38)

***Blessed is the coming Kingdom of Our Father David!*** (Mark 11:10)

***Hosanna (Save I pray) in the Highest!*** (Matthew 21:9)

If a crowd of people were shouting and cheering and calling you king, what would you do?

Would you cry?

So why was Jesus crying?

Luke writes the words of Jesus:

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

The people were shouting out: ***Hosanna in the Highest, Blessed is the King Who Comes in the Name of the Lord.***

But they did not know or understand or believe what type of King - Christ was!!!

The common thought of the day was that Jesus was coming to establish an earthly kingdom in Jerusalem. The common thought was that Jesus was going to overthrow the Roman rule and make Israel the same powerful earthly nation that it was at the time of King David.

Now as Jesus rides into Jerusalem, He revealed even more to those who are listening, whether they want to hear it or not.

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The people of Jerusalem had the misconception that Jesus was coming to free them from the Roman rule. Yet it was the Roman armies which would devastate Jerusalem. (We know from history that this occurred in 70 A.D.)

It was Israel's rejection of Jesus as their Savior from sin, which caused Jesus to weep. Imagine if you love someone dearly and you do all you can for them, but they reject your love and every effort you make to demonstrate your love for them. Instead of saying thank you, they scream, "I hate you!"

How would you feel? Would you weep?

Despite the fact that many rejected the real reason why Jesus came into the world. This rejection of Him as their Savior from sin did not stop Jesus from carrying out His Mission, to die on the Cross of Calvary for the sin of the world.

Jesus did not deviate from His Mission to win Heaven for Us! For ALL People!

*"For God So loved the WORLD, that He gave His One and Only Son that Whoever believes in Him will not perish by have eternal life."* John 3:16)

Sometimes people of our day and age, despite all the technology that we have at our finger tips, also have misconceptions of why Jesus came and what God's Word means. Regardless of what type of misconception and false doctrines and ideas are in the world, do not get lost or confused by all the false hoods that are proclaimed.

Instead stay focused on the TRUE Peace which Jesus came to establish.

Jesus came to re-establish peace between God and Mankind.

When Adam and Eve fell into sin, peace between God and Mankind was broken.

In Christ and by His payment for sin on the cross Peace between God and mankind has been re-established.

So when you see war and turmoil and sorrow in this world, even as you have tears in your eyes over whatever tragedy you may have suffered or witnessed, you have Peace with God in Christ Jesus.

Jesus says, ***"Peace I leave with you, My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."*** (John 14:27) AMEN