

Jesus Comes to Jerusalem

READ Luke 19:36-44

As Jesus rode along, the crowds spread out their garments on the road ahead of him. ³⁷ When he reached the place where the road started down the Mount of Olives, all of his followers began to shout and sing as they walked along, praising God for all the wonderful miracles they had seen.

³⁸ "Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven, and glory in highest heaven!"

³⁹ But some of the Pharisees among the crowd said, "Teacher, rebuke your followers for saying things like that!"

⁴⁰ He replied, "If they kept quiet, the stones along the road would burst into cheers!"

⁴¹ But as he came closer to Jerusalem and saw the city ahead, he began to weep. ⁴² "How I wish today that you of all people would understand the way to peace. But now it is too late, and peace is hidden from your eyes. ⁴³ Before long your enemies will build ramparts against your walls and encircle you and close in on you from every side. ⁴⁴ They will crush you into the ground, and your children with you. Your enemies will not leave a single stone in place, because you did not recognize it when God visited you."

REFLECT - How did different people respond to Jesus coming to Jerusalem (vv. 37-39)?

What do you think caused Jesus to weep (vv. 41 -44)?

When the crowd saw Jesus they praised God and rejoiced because they were hoping Jesus was going to save them from the Romans. However, Jesus had come to help with a much bigger problem, to save the world from their sins ([John 3:16](#)). Jesus knew that many would reject Him and since they didn't turn to Him it would lead to their destruction. We must remember that God is patient with us not wanting anyone to perish, but wants all to turn to Him in repentance ([2 Peter 3:9](#)).

RESPOND - How are you responding to Jesus and His Word? Are you following Him or rejecting Him?

How can you be patient this week and show God's love to others?

Who can you pray for this week that he/she would turn to God in repentance?

Have each person in your family pray to God and thank Him for something and pray for someone or something that is on their mind.

Thank God for _____

Pray for _____