

## SURPRISING TEARS

INTRO: (Text: Luke 19:29ff). Let us journey back in time to the last few days before Christ's crucifixion. Suppose you, like the Jews of that day thought that Jesus would set up an earthly political kingdom. Picture the excitement that must have been in the minds of Jesus' friends in believing that the Roman yoke was about to be lifted at last.

READ LUKE 19:29-38.

### I. IT IS LIKELY THAT JESUS' FRIENDS RECOGNIZED THESE EVENTS AS THE FULFILLMENT OF ZECH 9:9.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just & having salvation, lowly & riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey. (Zech. 9:9).

NOTE: The events taking place in our text shout out that Jesus is King more clearly than any words could express.

Perhaps some in this crowd had been among those who earlier had sought to make Jesus a king by force, JN 6:15. Now at long last their hopes are about to be realized.

### II. JESUS' ENEMIES ALSO RECOGNIZE THE SERIOUSNESS OF THIS EVENT & SEEK TO PUT A STOP TO IT BY ASKING HIM TO REBUKE HIS DISCIPLES, vs. 39.

NOTE: Besides the envy they no doubt felt toward Jesus, there was also a real fear of the consequences of the action they thought Jesus was about to take. READ JOHN 11:47-50.

### III. BUT THERE WILL BE NO REBUKE. JESUS IS KING OF THE JEWS & THE TIME HAS COME TO MAKE IT KNOWN, vs 40

What a marvelous time to be alive! What a happy, thrilling occasion! But wait... Someone is crying!

### IV. SURPRISING TEARS, vs. 41.

A. There is a time to weep, a time to laugh, Eccl 3:4.

- B. But why is someone crying now?
- C. Why, look! It is the King who is weeping!
  - 1. Jesus is not weeping for Himself. He knows the crucifixion is ahead, but He is not weeping for Himself. READ LUKE 23:26-31.
  - 2. Not for His disciples. He knows persecution & death await the faithful, but He does not weep for them. READ MATTHEW 24:9-13.
  - 3. The King is weeping for Jerusalem.

V. JERUSALEM--THE CITY IN WHICH GOD HAD CHOSEN TO RECORD HIS NAME; THE CITY OF THE TEMPLE OF GOD; THE CENTER OF THE WORSHIP OF JEHOVAH, IS ABOUT TO BE SEVERELY JUDGED.

- A. Because of their willful blindness, vs. 42-44.  
READ MATTHEW 13:14-15.
- B. Because of their perversions, vs. 45-46.  
READ MATTHEW 23:34-38.

VI. THE REACTIONS OF THE LEADERS TO JESUS' WARN-INGS, vs. 47-48.

CONCLUSION: Even at that late date the destruction of Jerusalem could have been avoided if only the leaders of the people had led the people aright--but they chose to walk in darkness. In 70 A.D. the Roman armies under Titus came & leveled the city of Jerusalem, destroyed the temple, & killed Jews by the thousands. Heb. 10:31.

Make application to modern America.

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La Porte, TX, March 2, 1976  
Exton, PA, April 3, 1990  
Shiloh, Mexia, TX, January 9, 1994  
Susquehanna, Marietta, PA, June 8, 1997