

## Palm Sunday Tears

Luke 19:28-48

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In the Triumphal Entry or what we call the Palm Sunday account, we find Jesus looking down from the Mount of Olives on the city of Jerusalem, but not with a smile. He looked at the city and began to weep. The Greek word is a “strong verb which is used to describe the heartbroken sobbing of people at a funeral”. (The Broadman Bible Commentary, Luke – John)

As the crowds welcomed King Jesus to Jerusalem he wept, because soon there would be no Jerusalem.

*“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones God’s messengers! How often I have wanted to gather your children together as a hen protects her chicks beneath her wings, but you wouldn’t let me.”* (Matthew 23:37 NLT)

This morning we are going to look at Luke’s account and notice five of the critical players in the drama being lived out that day.

A Five Act Play

### I. A Cooperative Colt (28-35)

*“The lower creatures act in subjection to the will of the Lord. Man alone of all God’s creatures...sets himself in opposition to the will of God.”* (Addresses on Luke, Harry Ironside)

### II. A Cheering Crowd (36-38)

- A. They had longed for and looked for such a King
- B. This was a legitimate offer of such a kingdom
- C. They must decide what to do with their King

### III. A Complaining Minority (39-40)

- A. Complaining was contained in the short run
- B. Complaining is contagious in the long run

### IV. A Crying Jesus (41-44)

- A. Historically – they were deceived, distracted and disobedient
- B. Internally – they were ignorant, blind and deaf
- C. Religiously – they were focused, faithful but far from God
- D. Prophetically – they were on the verge of total self-destruction

### V. A Conspiring Mob (45-48)

So What?

*But as he came closer to Jerusalem and saw the city ahead, he began to weep. “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...you did not recognize it when God visited you.”* (Luke 19:41-44 NLT)

- Americans, “of all people”, should “understand the way to peace” with God.
- Someday it will be “too late” to believe Jesus is “the way to peace” with God.
- Pray this pandemic will help people see Jesus is “the way to peace” with God.
- Before “it is too late”, have you trusted Jesus as the “way to peace” with God?