



# THE DAY CHRIST CRIED

Luke 19:41-44

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## A. Message Section

### HERE'S WHAT WE SEE ON THE FIRST PALM SUNDAY:

#### 1. How the People Responded.

Luke 19:37-38, NASB - <sup>37</sup> As soon as He was approaching, near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the miracles which they had seen, <sup>38</sup> shouting: "BLESSED IS THE KING WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD; Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

#### 2. How the Pharisees Responded.

Luke 19:39, NLT - <sup>39</sup> But some of the Pharisees among the crowd said, "Teacher, rebuke your followers for saying things like that!"

#### 3. How the Lord Responded.

Luke 19:40, NLT - <sup>40</sup> He replied, "If they kept quiet, the stones along the road would burst into cheers!"

## B. Focus Section

### WHILE THE CROWD WAS REJOICING, CHRIST WAS WEeping:

Luke 19:41-42, NLT - <sup>41</sup> But as He came closer to Jerusalem and saw the city ahead, He began to weep. <sup>42</sup> "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.

1. When He looked back, He saw a nation ignorant of "their visitation."
2. When He looked within, He saw their spiritual blindness.
3. When He looked around, He saw *religious activity* that mattered not.
4. When He looked ahead, He saw judgment coming upon the nation.

## C. Life Application Section

### HIS TEARS WERE THE RESULT OF WHAT THEY MISSED:

1. **Your day**—your opportunity ("Time is Short").
2. **Your peace**—your reconciliation with God.
3. **Your eyes**—didn't see who Jesus was.
4. **Your visitation**—with the Savior—with you, seeking to save you.

Luke 19:41-44, TLB - <sup>41</sup> But as they came closer to Jerusalem and he saw the city ahead, he began to cry. <sup>42</sup> "Eternal peace was within your reach and you turned it down," he wept, "and now it is too late. <sup>43</sup> Your enemies will pile up earth against your walls and encircle you and close in on you, <sup>44</sup> and crush you to the ground, and your children within you; your enemies will not leave one stone upon another—for you have rejected the opportunity God offered you."

"God weeps with us so that we may someday laugh with Him."

- German Theologian Jurgen Moltmann