

What Makes God Cry (Palm Sunday Message)

Bible Text(s) Used: Luke 19:37–44ⁱ (ESV)

Point 1: Spiritual Blindness Hides True Peace

Jesus wept over Jerusalem because they were blind to what would bring them peace—Himself. Though they had Scripture, prophecy, and religious tradition, they missed a personal relationship with Christ. True peace is not found in religion or good works, but in trusting fully in what Jesus has already accomplished on the cross. When we understand that we are saved by grace through faith, not by performance, we experience real peace with God.

Reflection Question:

Is my peace with God based on what Jesus has done, or on how well I think I am doing spiritually?

Point 2: Rejection Leads to Consequences

Jesus also wept because He saw the coming judgment upon Jerusalem. Their rejection of Him would lead to destruction, fulfilled in 70 A.D. This reminds us that while God’s judgment is real, it is also avoidable. God offers mercy, but people must choose to receive it. The tragedy is not judgment itself, but the refusal of salvation when it is freely offered.

Reflection Question:

Are there areas in my life where I am resisting God’s call and risking unnecessary consequences?

Point 3: Missed Opportunities Grieve God’s Heart

Jesus wept because Jerusalem missed their “time of visitation”—the moment when God Himself was among them. Despite clear prophecy and undeniable signs, they failed to

respond. In the same way, God gives us moments to respond to Him—through conviction, repentance, forgiveness, or service. These opportunities are not guaranteed forever.

Reflection Question:

Is there something God is prompting me to do that I have been delaying?

Closing Thought:

The message of Palm Sunday is both sobering and hopeful. It reminds us that God visits His people—sometimes in powerful ways, sometimes in quiet moments. The greatest tragedy is not that God fails to reach us, but that we fail to respond. If you hear His voice today, do not harden your heart. Receive Him fully, trust Him completely, and walk in the peace only He can give.

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³⁷ As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸ saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” ³⁹ And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” ⁴⁰ He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

Jesus Weeps over Jerusalem

⁴¹ And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, ⁴² saying, “Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. ⁴³ For the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up a barricade around you and surround you and hem you in on every side ⁴⁴ and tear you down to the ground, you, and your children within you. And they will not leave one stone upon another in you, because you did not know the time of your visitation.”