

Return of the King, Part 2
The Way of the Cross
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Surprised by the inconceivable...

Sometimes the paradoxical, the very thing we least expect and even resist doing, is the very thing that brings us peace and fulfillment. This is the Way of the Cross.

Palestine, 33 AD, attitude toward Jesus:

1. Zealots-
2. Common People-
3. Rich & Ruling-
4. Jesus-

➤ We're going to Jerusalem anyway... **Luke 18:31-34**

GOD's Story – The Way of the Cross—The Paradox of Passover
John 11:45—13:17

- Jesus weeps over Jerusalem, Luke 19:41-44
- Had he, and if so how had he, "overcome the world?", John 16:33

The new way to be the People of God, the way into Jesus' Kingdom was:

- the way of the meek, not the powerful
- the way of the peacemaker, not the Zealot
- the way of the merciful, not the judgmental
- the way of turning the other cheek, going the 2nd mile, not resistance or retaliation
- the way of faithfulness, not lust, adultery and divorce
- the way of love for your enemies, not hate
- the way of generosity/compassion toward the poor & needy, not self indulgence
- the way of servanthood, not authority

The Paradox of Passover is that the Way of the Cross, which determines, not only how we must live, but quite possibly how we may also die, was and still is the Victory of God.

Right On!