

“When God Weeps”

A Message from Luke 19:29-44

Why on a “colt or foal of a donkey”?

Service, suffering, peace, and humility.

Jesus’ entry as the Prince of Peace, not as a war-waging king.

Why on a colt/donkey, “which no one has ever ridden”?

Jesus is the one and only “King of Peace”. There is none, His equal! A unique. Freshness in King Jesus.

What is “A Day of God’s Visitation”?

Special times in which God was pleased to draw near to a person or people, that He might accomplish various important purposes. Palm Sunday was/is such a day!

- 1. Palm Sunday was NOT an accident. - NOT a coincidence. - NOT a spontaneous event in history. And NOT an “Emergency plan B” that God came up with!**

* God had already decided *to save us through Jesus - before the creation of the world!*

Ref. 1 Peter 1:18-20

* Palm Sunday, was a day specifically prophesied over 500 years before it happened.

Ref. Daniel 9:25 and Zechariah 9:9

- 2. Palm Sunday was the *Day of God’s Visitation* and *Jesus’s Triumphal Entry as the Messiah*. The Day of God’s Visitation is a day of: Rejoicing, Worship, Peace and Glory to God!**

Psalm 118:1 “ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; and his love endures forever.”

Psalm 118:26 “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord”

- 3. This was the first time that Jesus allowed any public acclamation of Him being a King. Yet, some people missed it. ... “even if the stones were to cry out.”**

Maybe, Jesus was calling to mind the very words of the O/T Prophet Habakkuk 600 years prior. The people *then*, had missed God’s kingdom of goodness, mercy, grace, and love. Habakkuk stated that God was against: puffed up pride; theft, dishonesty, war, drunkenness, and idolatry. God said then, “even the stones of the wall will cry out!” (Hab.2:11).

Why did so many people *that* first Palm Sunday, fail to recognize the Messiah?

Maybe: didn’t think for themselves, blindly followed their false, bias, ignorant leaders, had blind prejudice, were fearful of losing powerful religious positions, were looking for a conquering Messiah on a white horse, or were intimidated by the Romans.

Why do so many people *today*, fail to recognize the Messiah?

Maybe: highly opinionated against the Bible, think that the Bible is full of contradictions, are afraid of the negative financial effect it might have on one’s business to claim Jesus, intimidated by the government, or pride.

May we be a people saturated by the Holy Spirit, so that we would cry out before the stones have to; that Jesus is King!

- 4. Jesus wept at the tragedy and effects of missing Palm Sunday and of the Lord’s visitation**

The results were then, (destruction of Jerusalem), & are today, serious and immeasurable in missing the Lord’s visitation!

What does Jesus and God the Father weep about today?

Consider: **2Peter 3:9**

Is there *anything* holding *you* back from claiming Jesus as your savior and king today?

Will the Son of God, and God the Father, be weeping for *you* as you leave this service today?