

## **“Know Today What Will Bring Eternal Peace”**

Luke 19:41-44

My desire this morning is to encourage us in the gospel. Today marks the beginning of Passion week and the Scriptures record for us the final days in the life of the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus is making his way to the cross of Calvary. He enters the Holy City, Jerusalem and is praised as King. The crowds were praising God with a loud voice saying, *“Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”* Luke is the only gospel writer who provides for us a clear and direct view into the mood of Jesus during this time. It is here that we focus our hearts’ attention, and we see three truths from this text.

### **I. We see Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_ for sinners in the midst of rejection. vs.41-43**

- His compassion was \_\_\_\_\_
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It was astonishing because ....
  - He knew their *character, cruelty, self-righteousness, stubbornness and their defiance against the truth*
- Jesus was broken because he knew they had missed their moment to receive the King and experience peace.

*“We know too little of true Christianity if we do not feel a deep concern about the souls of unconverted people. Christ felt tenderly about wicked people, and his disciples should feel the same way.”*

*J. C. Ryle*

### **II. We see religious ignorance that is both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ vs. 42;44**

- Jesus pronounced \_\_\_\_\_ on Jerusalem. The city and the nation it represents missed the moment that would make for peace. This peace would now be hidden from their eyes! They missed it because they were ignorant. They were ignorant because they would not ...
  1. Examine the evidence before them.
  2. See the signs of the times.

### **III. We see choosing to reject Jesus always leads to \_\_\_\_\_ vs.43-44**

- The judgement that would come would be total \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Jesus says, *“For the days will come...” (1 Sam 2:31; 2 Kings 20:17; Is 39:6; Jer 7:32-34; 33:14; 49:2; Zech 14:1)* When this phrase appears, judgement follows!
- Jesus describes the siege that will come.
- Israel’s house would be desolate. The city and the temple will be destroyed.

#### **Application: To Believers: Love like Christ.**

- How do you see lost sinners?
- Are you broken over their brokenness?
- Does their brokenness lead you to pray for them and share the gospel with them?
- How do you respond when you are rejected in sharing the gospel?

#### **To Unbelievers: Understand God’s terms of peace.**

- Repent (Repentance means turning from your sins and turning to Christ in faith).
- Believe upon Christ and what He accomplished by his death, burial, and resurrection!
- Trusting Christ is your only hope of peace with God. Nothing else will bring peace.
- Don’t miss this time to respond to Jesus, believe and submit to him today! The rewards are out of this world and the peace of God will fill your heart.
- Understand that rejection of him will cost you eternal damnation.