

Palms Down, Woes Wept, & Tables Over

ME

As I drove into Henryville yesterday to help the wonderful group, I was faced with mixed emotions...

*Joy of being able to serve with the good people of St. James

*Satisfaction of knowing we are at least helping some of our beloved church members make a small dent in their troubles

*Sorrow over the devastation of so many around, as well as pain of knowing that we are not able to shoulder the full burden for Stephens, Bagshaws, and Tricia since we are not daily living it with them (*though I would encourage continued giving toward Acts 2 Offering for them*)

WE

You probably have had those same types of mixed emotions over this...

Life is full of opportunities for mixed emotions...

*Example: Lent Season (what we thought it was & what it is sometimes 2 different things; even what it is – RENEWAL vs/and REPENTANCE dynamic)

*Example: Our Hosea study (reconciling tough God w/grace in Jesus)

Our text today comes w/the potential for mixed bag of emotions as well...

GOD

Luke 19: 28 – 48

If I had to sum up this passage in one thought, it would be this:

While the people were rejoicing in who they thought Jesus was, Jesus was weeping because they did not have a clue...

Discuss the story of the Triumphal Entry (also found in Matt 21, Mark 11, & Jn 12)

*TELL THE STORY in my words...

Truths to Observe:

*Sovereignty & Leadership of Jesus in orchestration of colt (pre-planned or prophesied)

*Colt, donkey, mule is a beast fit for a king (as in 1 Kings 1: 33, 44)

*Jesus was fulfilling prophecy (Zech 9:9) by being so public (usually not so) and riding in humbly, but as a King

*Seems Jesus was moving religious leaders toward action (self-sacrifice)

*People laid down palm branches & clothing as symbol of national loyalty & in recognition of Jesus coming into Jerusalem as King (wanted Him to military Messiah/Savior)

Jesus Wept, again...

Verses 41 – 44

*Much like in times of old (ie, Hosea), the people did not recognize the blessing and even VERY PRESENCE OF GOD in front of them

*Jesus wept over their unbelief & ignorance

*Jesus pronounced judgment on them for their ignoring of Him

*fulfilled when Roman army destroyed the city, killing tens of thousands, destroying the Temple in AD 70

Church Cleaning Duty

*Jesus made His point more clear the very next day when he drove the people who were making a buck off animals to sacrifice in the Temple

Like the people in the OT (Hosea study), the people of NT Jerusalem believed in a God (Jesus) they wanted to, ignoring the real One right before their eyes.

YOU

The call of God to these people, like us today during Lent, was REPENT!

Lent is VERY difficult, but necessary – Leads us to examine our lives for sin and repent now & reminds us to do so all year...

May we rejoice in the Jesus who is, and not the Jesus we would like Him to be!

WE

If you examine your hearts for sin, turn from those attitudes and ways, how will your life be different? (worship, witness, service, communion...)

May the Lord have no reason to weep over us, and may we rejoice because He is the One who convicts us of sin and takes that very sin away, giving us new life in Him!