

IS JESUS STILL WEeping

LUKE 19

Text:

Introduction

Illustration: New Pastor's Appointment

Finding his newly-appointed pastor standing at his study window in the church weeping as he looked over the inner city's tragic conditions, a layman sought to console him: "Don't worry. After you've been here a while, you'll get used to it."

The minister responded, "Yes, I know. That's why I am crying."

The things that we get used to in life

- We get used to the routine of life
 - We set ourselves on a schedule of daily activities
 - We set ourselves for something that is comfortable
- We adjust our life with the world around us

- We are forced to adjust our schedule to the world around us
- We make concessions to fit the world in our lives. Is it any wonder why the world is in the shape that it is in?
- Jesus wept over the state of Jerusalem.
 - Palm Sunday

The use of the Palm branches to welcome Jesus into Jerusalem

The triumphal entry into Jerusalem

This event is recorded in each of the gospels

Setting

- This is about five days before the Passover. Jesus and His disciples are entering Jerusalem for the feast from Bethany
- Passover was the most important of the Jewish feasts. It is estimated that they were approximately 300,00 people attending the Passover
- Jesus weeps before He enters the city

Jesus was so moved by the brokenness of the city that He openly wept

The question remains – Is Jesus still weeping?

Is He still weeping over the state of this community?

Is He still weeping over the state of this church?

Is He still weeping over the state of your life?

Read text

1. JESUS SEES BEYOND THE PLEASANTRIES (V. 41)

As Jesus approached Jerusalem and saw the city,

A. There is a great deal of superficial in this world

B. Jesus sees things as they really are, not as they appear

1. The things that make Jesus weep

a.) The lack of commitment by His people

b.) The loss of spiritual passion

c.) The loss of your first love

2. Is Jesus broken hearted when He looks into your life?

2. JESUS CARES ABOUT YOUR PAIN (V. 41)

He wept over it.

A. Jesus sees the pain of Jerusalem

1. They were deeply divided

a.) Political

b.) Socially

c.) Religious

2. They were deeply distressed

a.) The people were divided and they were sinful. Their sin held them in bondage

b.) The reality is that sin carries a cost with it

B. The majority of our pain is caused by sin

1. Sin is your #1 problem in life

a.) Sin will separate you from God

b.) Sin will separate you from others

c.) Sin will separate you from
yourself

2. Sin does nothing except cause pain

3. JESUS KNOWS YOUR POTENTIAL (V. 42)

If you, even you, had only known

The lost potential of Jerusalem

Jerusalem was meant to be a city where God's blessing
flowed to His people

Jerusalem had become a place of war and strife – As it
is to this day

God has given you great potential

The two saddest words – “if only”

- If only – I had finished school

- If only - I had married that person
- If only – I had taken that job
- If only – I had bought that house
- If only – I had served Christ more

Your potential lies in your future, not in your past

Stop living in the If only mindset. The past cannot be changed but you can change today and all of your tomorrow's

Jesus has a great plan for your life and he wants you to achieve it

Paul said: Forgetting those things which are behind.

4. JESUS WANTS TO GIVE YOU PEACE (V. 42)

What would bring you peace?

A. Peace with God

(Rom 5:1) "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:"

B. Peace from God

(Phil 4:7) "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

(Col 3:15) "And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful."

Conclusion

Do you bring joy to the heart of Christ?

Do you bring sorrow to the heart of Christ?

Jesus sees you as you are

Jesus sees your pain

Jesus sees your potential

Jesus wants you to have peace