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| 1  Palm Sunday Luke 19.28-44 Sermon Outline  03/24/24  “The Stones Will Cry Out”  INTRO:  Have you ever seen a coronation where the king rejects His crown?  Have you ever seen a coronation where the king rejects instead of accepts the God’s praise?  Have you ever seen a coronation where the king pronounces condemnation instead of blessing to the crowds?  I bet none of you seen something like that (president, king) where that happened  But…  One king who did do that…  Where instead of acceptance = rejection of praise | 2  where instead of pronouncement of blessing = pronounced condemnation  This king = Jesus  This is irony of triumphal entry  Because all other kings = kingdoms of this world  But Jesus doesn’t  Kingdom that looks insignificant and weak on surface like mustard seed but will end up surpassing all other trees in in size and grandeur in comparison  Why did He reject the crown when He entered?  Why did Jesus refuse praise of His people?  Why did Jesus pronounce curse instead of blessing to the people? |
| 3  MAIN POINT:  My hope is to help you answer those questions today from Word of God so that you will have a clearer picture of why Jesus rejected the crown of His people  So let’s look at the text together…  V. 30 Jesus commands disciples to go into village ahead of Him to bring colt/donkey  = amazing sovereignty  = exact timetable  Even controls response of owner of donkey  So they retrieve donkey successfully  (God owns all things, right to use all things for His purpose and glory)  Disciples spread their coats before Jesus  Like 2 Kings 9:13 = Jehu as king | 4  V. 37  *“As soon as He was approaching, near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the miracles which they had seen, shouting: “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord; Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”*  Crowds ecstatic and riled up  Moment Jews have been waiting for  God promised from time of King David = rest from enemies + king  Conditions restored back to the Garden of Eden  But Solomon’s reign closest to that…then Solomon sinned and plunged nation into darkness  Oppressed by Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece, and now Rome |
| 5  Never reached full fulfillment of promise = frustration, anger, bitterness, hopelessness  Until! Jesus arrived  Energy of Jerusalem has reached fever pitch  Jews can’t wait for Rome to be toppled  Now is perfect time to set up kingdom  But in V. 39  Pharisees, ruling religious elites of Israel said to Jesus  “*Teacher, rebuke your disciples*.”  Instead of being excited for Messiah, Pharisees were jealous and envious of Messiah’s popularity and influence over crowds.  Pharisees so steeped in positions of power as shepherds of Israel that they forgot who it was they were shepherding for | 6  Saw Jesus not as Savior but as threat to their power and popularity  Want nothing more than to get rid of Him  Can’t stand crowd chanting “The Messiah, the Messiah! Glory to the Messiah!”  Like King Saul’s jealousy over David  Women: “*Saul has slain his thousands and David his ten thousands*”  But Jesus responds in v. 40  Most ironic verse of this passage:  “*But Jesus answered*, *“I tell you, if these becomes silent, the stones will cry out*!”  Now some interpret this verse = joy/praise  Actually = judgment |
| 7  Quoting from Hab. 2:11  = Yahweh commanding pronouncement of judgment on Babylon for all its unjust treatment of Israel  Habakkuk complaining “why” to Yahweh  Instead of Babylon Jesus turns it on Israel  Israel = become very nation they swore not to be  Degenerate into wicked and reprobate nation  Failed to understand mission of Messiah; save His people from their sins  People not expecting savior from sins  but military and political Savior  Failed to see = true need = not free from pagan rule = but free from rule and reign of their own sin!  Yes, Israel correct Messiah would eventually give them rest from enemies | 8  But they first must submit to Him as Lord of their lives before Him being lord over every other nation  So…because failed to see Christ came to be king of their hearts…  This is consequence of their unbelief  V. 41  “*When He approached Jerusalem, He saw the city and wept over it,**saying, “If you had known in this day, even you, the things which make for peace! But now they have been hidden from your eyes. For the days will come upon you when your enemies will throw up a barricade against you, and surround you and hem you in on every side, and they will level you to the ground and your children within you, and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not recognize the time of your visitation.”*  Israel did not recognize time of visitation  Heeded call of John the Baptist wrongly |
| 9  Made straight way of Lord physically to Jerusalem, but failed to make straight way of the Lord in their own hearts  Willing to remove any physical enemies that stood in way of Jesus, but not willing to remove enemies that resided in their own hearts!  That’s it! That’s the triumphal entry of Jesus  Type of crowning never before and never will happen again  Jesus rejected crown = sinful/fleshly crown  Donkey = symbolize peace not war  Rejected praise of the crowds His kingship = failed to see true meaning of Zechariah they were reciting  Jesus’ acceptance speech of condemnation instead of blessing = because hypocrisy thinking they were obedient = really not | 10  We live in climate/culture Christian long for true and righteous leader in America  = to make America great again  I long for that too yes  I think you should vote…  I think America should have strong borders to minimize drugs and cartels…  That we should wholeheartedly communism and that capitalism is most realistic and best economic system we have  But…  You can be so fixated on making sure politically conservative president that you fail = like Israel #1 fixation = salvation from sin  Maybe = you like Christians’ view on politics = aligns with your own but… |
| 11  Is there a king reigning in your heart?  Maybe there is king reigning in your heart, but is there number one priority not to bring about political change but that this king will reign in other people’s hearts?  Don’t ever equate conservative politics with true biblical Christianity because when you do = confuse the two kingdoms as one  John 18:36  Jesus asks Pontius Pilate  *“My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting so that I would not be delivered over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not from here.”*  Israel mistaken = ushering in kingdom was up to them  Everyone also who thinks ushering in kingdom is up to them is also mistaken | 12  There is one person, and one person alone who will bring in the kingdom.  Jesus Christ who alone “*changes the times and the seasons;* who alone*removes kings and establishes kings;* who alone *gives wisdom to wise men and knowledge to men of understanding*” (Daniel 2:21).  Sometimes people are so concerned and fixated on who will be next president, next governor, the next senator, because they want to feel in control in their lives, because when they don’t in control of their lives, they get frightened  Let me tell you the truth  Stop trying to control your life  You are not in control of your life and you are certainly not in control of this world  God is… |
| 13  Isaiah 45:6-7  “*I am Yahweh, and there is no other, The One forming light and creating darkness, Producing peace and creating calamity; I am Yahweh who does all these*.”  As much as I love our country and thankful for freedoms, clear = America is imploding on itself  No nation is guaranteed a successful/long existence  Demonstrated in history that pattern is that as soon as nation gives itself over to perversity, wickedness, and sin = God will remove his blessing from that nation to wake that nation up from its path of error.  In fact, many nations which were extremely depraved = didn’t exist for very long  This is what happened to Israel in book of judges when they disobeyed God = not completely driving out Caananites = other nations | 14  So as a result, God disciplined Israel = repeating enslavement to Egypt to cry out to Him  If nation still persists in depravity = God finally gives nation over to depravity  Only matter of time before it is gone from the map  Nation given over = transgenderism, murder of millions in the womb, worship of creation rather than Creator  Becoming like Rome  Like how Jesus prophesied doom to nation through Rome’s destruction of Jerusalem and its temple  America = doomed to destruction as well if they don’t repent  American = nation under judgment  Ukrain = nation under judgment |
| 15  Russia = nation under judgment  Israel = still nation under judgment  Not surprised if we find out that Hamas Russia raised up by God to punish Israel/Ukraine for their wickedness  But as we know from the pattern of Scripture  God always punishes the very ones who punish other nations because they are equally sinful  Just like Assyria = Rod of My anger Isaiah 10  Proverbs 21:1  “*The king’s heart is like channels of water in the hand of Yahweh; He turns it wherever He pleases*.”  God is so glorious and so infinitely wise = able to turn evil and sin of men to advance redemptive plan for world | 16  You can rest in fact = though America is plummeting = God is in complete control  No sinful act apart from will of God  Did you win first place at competition? God ordained your victory  Lose?  Tragedy?  Wonderful?  God’s absolute sovereignty Hannah’s prayer 1 Sam. 2:4-10  “*The bows of the mighty are shattered, But those who stumble gird on strength. Those who were full hire themselves out for bread, But those who were hungry cease to hunger. Even the barren gives birth to seven, But she who has many children languishes. Yahweh puts to death and makes alive; He brings down to Sheol and raises up.* |
| 17  *Yahweh makes poor and rich; He brings low; He also exalts. He raises the poor from the dust; He exalts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with nobles, And inherit a seat of glory; For the pillars of the earth are Yahweh’s, And He set the world on them. He keeps the feet of His holy ones, But the wicked ones are silenced in darkness, For not by power shall a man prevail. Those who contend with Yahweh will be dismayed; Against them He will thunder in the heavens; Yahweh will render justice to the ends of the earth, And He will give strength to His king, And He will exalt the horn of His anointed.”*  CONCLUSION:  There may be some of you worship god of America  god of republicanism  god of postmillennialism = things going to get better/we usher in the kingdom  is your god = God of the Bible? | 18  Is your God = came to earth to rescue you from your sins  If God of Holy Scriptures not your god, Jesus Messiah will “visit” you again  Not “visit” of peace  But “visit” of wrath/indignation  Utterly crush kingdoms of this earth = powder = Dan. 2 prophesied  No donkey = but horse for war  It won’t only be Romans crushed to death = but you will be crushed to death if you don’t repent of your sins  Incident during Jesus’ lifetime Pilate killed Galileans = mixed their blood w/sacrifices  Luke 13:3 Jesus said, |
| 19  *“Do you think that these Galileans were greater sinners than all other Galileans because they suffered these things? I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. Or do you think that those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them were worse offenders than all the men who live in Jerusalem? I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”*  But there is hope for you  Even though nation under judgment, meant to show you horror of your sins  Picture of what sin does to a soul  For sin to run rampant in your soul  Jesus can slay sin in your soul, your true enemy if you repent and flee to Him in faith  He will restore your soul if you recognize salvation in no one else under heaven given among men | 20  America = won’t save you  Trump = won’t save you  Biden = won’t save you  Only Christ will  As we approach the day our Lord died for our sin,  Think about weight of your sin and Christ bore that weight  Think about how God ordained evilest act in history, murder of the innocent son of God to bring about your salvation  You should have been killed on that cross, but Christ took your place because He loved you enough to do so  Let’s pray |