



A CASE STUDY OF THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

Understanding why sometimes our celebrations
should in fact be lamentations.

THE PEOPLE CELEBRATED AND JESUS CRIED.

WHY? WHAT WENT WRONG?

1. Most of the people had wrong expectations as to why Jesus came.

- (Luke 19:7, 9–10 LSB) 7 And when they saw it, they all began to grumble, saying, **“He has gone to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.”** ... And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. 10 **“For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save the lost.”**
- (Luke 7:34 LSB) The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, “Behold, a gluttonous man and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!”
- (Luke 5:30–32 LSB) And the Pharisees and their scribes began grumbling at His disciples, saying, **“Why do you eat and drink with the tax collectors and sinners?”** 31 And Jesus answered and said to them, “It is not those who are well who need a physician, but those who are sick. 32 **“I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.”**

2. Most of the people had very misguided expectations as to the exact nature of Jesus and his kingdom.

A. Most of them wanted a king who fit their plans for a kingdom now.

- (Luke 19:11 LSB) Now while they were listening to these things, Jesus went on to tell a parable, because He was near Jerusalem, **and they thought that the kingdom of God was going to appear immediately.**

B. Most of them clearly had no intention of serving and submitting to the king God had sent.

- (Luke 19:14 LSB) But his citizens hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, **“We do not want this man to reign over us.”**

C. Most of them did not invest their lives in view of the king returning.

- (Luke 19:15, 26 LSB) **And it happened that when he returned, after receiving the kingdom, he ordered that these slaves,** to whom he had given the money, **be called to him so that he might know how much they had made in business.** ... 26 I tell you that to everyone who has, more shall be given, but from the one who does not have, even what he does have shall be taken away.

D. Most of them would not make the connection that refusing to submit to the king would lead to their judgment by the king when he returned.

- (Luke 19:27 LSB) **But these enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, bring them here and slay them in my presence.**

SO WHY DID GOD EVEN ALLOW THE CELEBRATION TO TAKE PLACE? MOST OF THE PARTICIPANTS WERE MISGUIDED AND SUPERFICIAL. AND WHY DID JESUS TAKE PART? HE KNEW IT WAS NECESSARY TO FULFILL PROPHECY AND TO CARRY OUT THE FATHER'S PLAN OF REDEMPTION.

3. Most of the people who celebrated were anticipating that their expectations would soon be fulfilled.

- (Luke 19:37–38 LSB) Now as soon as He was approaching, near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God, rejoicing with a loud voice for all the miracles which they had seen, 38 saying, "BLESSED IS THE KING WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

4. The expectations of the people were not fulfilled but the OT prophecies were certainly fulfilled.

- (Luke 19:39–40 LSB) And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples." 40 But Jesus answered and said, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones will cry out!"

5. The people celebrated and Jesus cried.

Jesus was not sad for himself. He certainly would have had great satisfaction and a sense of accomplishment in fulfilling prophecy, but he lamented that the people had missed the things that make for peace with God. Their true King had come and they did not receive him but instead celebrated the king they had hoped for and preferred over God's true Messiah.

- (John 1:10–11 LSB) He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. 11 He came to what was His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him.

Blind to the judgment that was coming to them and their beloved Jerusalem they celebrated their own expectations of salvation.

- (Luke 19:41–44 LSB) 41 And as He approached Jerusalem and saw the city, He cried over it, 42 saying, "If you knew in this day, even you, the things which make for peace! But now they have been hidden from your eyes." 43 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, 44 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."

GOD'S TIMETABLE FOR SALVATION MOVES QUICKLY FORWARD. KING JESUS DID NOT MEET THE EXPECTATIONS OF THE PEOPLE SO HE MUST DIE. THE PROPHECIES WOULD BE FULFILLED AND SALVATION WOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED.

6. The celebrants now demand that Jesus die.

They celebrated his coronation on Monday but by Friday with their expectations dashed and hope seemingly lost they rejected King Jesus and angrily demanded his crucifixion. He had neither done their will nor met their expectations.

- (Luke 23:18–25 LSB) But they cried out all together, saying, "Away with this man, and release for us Barabbas!" 19 (He had been thrown into prison for an insurrection made in the city and for murder.) 20 But again Pilate addressed them, wanting to release Jesus, 21 but they kept on calling out, saying, "Crucify, crucify Him!" 22 And he said to them a third time, "Why, what evil has this man done? I have found in Him no guilt worthy of death; therefore I will punish Him and release Him." 23 But they were insistent, with loud voices asking that He be crucified. And their voices were prevailing. 24 And Pilate pronounced sentence that their demand be granted. 25 And he released the man they were asking for who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, but he delivered Jesus to their will.