

PALM SUNDAY SERVICE

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“The Sunday God Cried”

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INTRODUCTION

to the text

Matthew 23:37-39

The Text Summation

THE CELEBRATION OF THE FIRST COMING OF JESUS CHRIST!

At this time, On Palm Sunday - 1,970 Years Ago, Jesus Made what is called “His Triumphant Entry” into the city of Jerusalem

Ps 24:7-10

Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. 8 Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. 9 Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. 10 Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.

JERUSALEM - HIS FIRST COMING

THE SCENE IS AMAZING !

Matthew 23 & Mark 11, Luke 19, John 12

It's Springtime. Jerusalem is Swollen with Worshipers. The City is Aglow with colors and sounds and smells – *Passover was approaching*

A SACRIFICE HAD TO BE MADE

**But By and Large -
the Nation had Slipped into Complacency.
Israel had Spiritually Fallen Asleep**

HIS APPROACH TO JERUSALEM

Luke 19:36-41

And as He went, many spread their clothes on the road. 37 Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works 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!" 39 And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples." 40 But He answered and said to them, "I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out." 41 Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it,

WHAT WOULD MAKE JESUS CRY?

Luke 19:42

"If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.

Matt 23:37

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!

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1.) *His coming fulfilled the God’s promises of the past*

a.) *God had promised to - restore man back to God*

b.) *God had promised to - set man free (from sin)*

A temporary vs. permanent Fix

c.) *God had promised to - reveal Himself to man*

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2.) *His Coming Brought Reality to the Word of God*

What *was* Happening, was *Happening*

a.) *Look at what Jesus was (is) doing*

b.) *Listen to what Jesus was (is) saying*

c.) *Understand – Jesus shattered contemporary thought*

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3.) *His coming then, guaranty’s his coming again*

John 14:3

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, **I will come again** and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

a.) *What He has written in the Word – it will happen*

Then / Now / When

b.) *He will be faithful to perform His will in the earth*

c.) *He will continue to reach out to the very last moment*