

May 5

Jesus Triumphal Entry Ends in Tears and Preparation

Therefore I said, "Look away from me. I will weep bitterly. Don't labor to comfort me for the destruction of the daughter of my people. – Isaiah 22:4

[Luke 19:41-44, Jerusalem and Bethany] When he drew near, he saw the city and wept over it, saying, "If you, even you, had known today the things which belong to your peace! But now, they are hidden from your eyes. For the days will come on you, when your enemies will throw up a barricade against you, surround you, hem you in on every side, and will dash you and your children within you to the ground. They will not leave in you one stone on another, because you didn't know the time of your visitation."

The multitude therefore that was with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb, and raised him from

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the dead, was testifying about it. For this cause also the multitude went and met him, because they heard that he had done this sign. The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, "See how you accomplish nothing. Behold, the world has gone after him."

When he had come into Jerusalem, all the city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" The multitudes said, "This is the prophet, Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

Jesus entered into the temple in Jerusalem. When he had looked around at everything, it being now evening, he went out to Bethany with the twelve. [Matthew 21:10-11, Mark 11:11, John 12:17-19]

1. The crowd cheers while Jesus is weeps; why? Do you cheer? Should you weep? Why?
2. Why does Jesus enter the temple? How do you prepare for a big day? Do you pray?
3. Jesus, some cheered, others schemed, but you wept; please give me today your heart for...