

“The Royal Welcome that Bombed”

Luke 19:28-44

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THEME: A great deal of what we see depends on what we are looking for. If you keep looking for something that isn't there, you may see something that isn't there.

Most of Jesus' followers saw in him the fulfillment of their nationalistic longings. Many of them were eyewitnesses to the amazing miracles he performed. A few of them had heard the divine endorsement of Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration.

When Jesus set out from Galilee for Jerusalem to consummate his earthly mission, he warned his disciples that suffering and death awaited him there. But they were not able either to understand or accept what Jesus told them, perhaps because their minds were closed to it (Luke 18:31-34). They completely missed the point of what Jesus came to do.

On Palm Sunday Christians observe the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem for the beginning of what is called “holy week.” Jesus' arrival began with hope and hype. But it appears that at the end of the day Jesus' followers, the religious establishment, and Jesus himself groaned in disappointment.

Today some of Christ's followers boldly declare that Jesus is the answer to people's hopes and dreams. But often the outcome is not what people longed for.

By studying three **perspectives** on Jesus' entrance in Luke 19:28-44 we can arrive at a true understanding of who Jesus is and what he came to do.

I. EAGER ANTICIPATION (19:28-38)

II. BITTER INDIGNATION (19:39-40)

III. SOBER REALIZATION (19:41-44)