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Sermon Discussion Questions | March 20, 2016 Luke 19:41-46 | "Jesus Is Zealous"

A. The "Triumphal Entry" (Palm Sunday): Luke 19:28-40

CELEBRATION

B. Jesus Weeps Over Jerusalem:

Luke 19:41-42

LAMENTATION

- 1. What are the only two occasions in the gospel where we find Jesus weeping? (*John 11:35, Luke 19:41*). What do these accounts tell us about his compassion?
- 2. He came to destroy both death and unbelief. How has Jesus conquered unbelief in your own life? How has he already destroyed death so that you can face your own death without fear?
- 3. When Jesus saw his countrymen's unbelief, he wept. When you see our own country's cor ruption and unbelief, how do you respond? *(see Isaiah 33:5-6)*

C. Jesus Foresees God's Judgment Upon Israel

Luke 19:43:44

PREDICTION

- 1. How was our Lord's prediction fulfilled in A.D. 70?
- 2. Can any nation that lives in rebellion against God escape judgment? Often in Scripture God will raise up one nation to punish another nation. Scripture also teaches that God will give us over to our own sin and allow us to suffer the consequences of our own rebellion (see Romans 1:18-32). As you see the moral and spiritual decline of our own culture, do you weep or curse? Why?
- 3. What are we called to do for those in civil authority (*I Tim. 2:2*)?

D. Jesus Cleanses the Temple

Luke 19:45-46

PASSION (ZEAL)

- 1. Jesus began his earthly ministry with a cleansing of the Temple (*John 2:13-22*) and once again near the end of his earthly ministry (our text).
- 2. What MOTIVE is given for his first cleansing? His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me' (John 2:17, citing Psalm 69:9).
- 3. Jesus had great zeal for his Father's holiness and glory do we?
- 4. What are you passionate about (or zealous for)? What are examples in our culture about what people are zealous for?
- 5. Filtering our zeal through the lenses of the gospel?
 - a. the diagnosis of zeal (reveals our loyalties and idolatries)
 - b. the danger of zeal (condemning rather than weeping; cursing rather than serving; rejecting rather than respecting)
 - c. the duty of zeal (God's glory)

E. Gospel Zeal

Luke 23:26-56

CRUCIFIXION RESURRECTION

Luke 24:1-53

Gospel zeal is a passion for God (his holiness and his glory); a passion for his people (their holiness and health); and a passion for his lost sheep (the world). Pray that God via his Word and Spirit would decrease your zeal for yourself and increase your zeal for him.