

AT THE CROSSROADS

Luke 19:28-44

I. In God’s timetable for our lives, there are divine crossroads. These are times of visitation where we are faced with decisions to choose Jesus and His provision for our lives.

- A. Daniel prophesied the time between the decree authorizing the rebuilding of Jerusalem (March 14, 445 BC) and the appearing of the Messiah would be 483 years. Some say this puts the date on Palm Sunday, April 6, AD 32, using the Jewish calendar of 360 days per year.
- B. Palm Sunday was literally the day of visitation for the Jews to receive their long-awaited Messiah-King.
 - 1. On this day Jesus discarded His normal method of operating discreetly.
 - 2. This time was prepared by all the ministry Jesus had done, including the resurrection of Lazarus from the dead (Luke 19:37; John 12:17-19).
- C. Zechariah prophesied what the revelation of the Messiah would look like (Matthew 21:4, 5; Zechariah 9:9).

II. In the crowd that day there were voices of praise (Luke 19:37, 38) and voices of anger and offense (Luke 19:39, 40), but neither group truly recognized the gravity of the day (Luke 19:41-44). They weren’t connecting with God’s heart.

- A. The true revelation of Palm Sunday was the gentle Father (Matthew 21:4, 5) offering His love and peace to His children (Luke 19:41, 42; Matthew 23:37-39).
- B. The importance of understanding Jesus from the heart (Matthew 13:14, 15; 11:28-29; John 12:1-7—Mary’s understanding)
- C. How painful it must have been for Jesus to know that a few days later everyone would turn against Him.

III. When God wants to change the season in your life, faith, revelation, and especially love are required on our part.

- A. Transitions into miracles—Promised Land; Blind Bartimaeus (Mark 10:46-52); Syrophenician Woman (Mark 7:24-30)
- B. Transitions from great peril—Disciples in Gethsemane (Matthew 26:36-41), “Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The Spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”
- C. Transitions into ministry and calling—“Do you love me?” (John 21:15-19; 5:19-20)?
- D. Examples from my life

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