



Sermon-based Guide
Questions for Reflection and Discussion
Week of March 28

The Weeping King

Scripture: Luke 19:28-44

Summary

In this scripture text we are given the account of Jesus entering Jerusalem in the last days before his arrest, death and resurrection. He chooses to ride in on a donkey. The people welcome him as a king; hoping for a triumphant Messiah. He pauses and weeps over the city; he laments saying, “If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace!”

Questions

1. Who do you think Jesus was talking to when he lamented over Jerusalem? The leaders, the ordinary people, or someone else?
2. We all have places in the world that are near and dear to our hearts—cities, neighborhoods, global issues—and that cause us much grief. Describe some place or issue that is big and complex, that you grieve over (for example, “homelessness in Spokane”).
3. What do you think Jesus meant by “the things that make for peace” (verse 42)? What would bring God’s peace into that place you grieve over (question 2)?
4. Have you ever had an experience where God was truly present, but you didn’t realize it until afterward? Describe that experience. Discuss how you might recognize God’s presence in the moment, “recognize the time of your visitation from God” (verse 44).

Holy Week Scriptures:

Maundy Thursday

Mark 14:1-11, 32-36, 43-50

Good Friday

Psalm 22:1-11, March 15:25-39

Easter

Psalm 22:27-31, Matthew 28:1-10