

March 16, 2008 – Palm Sunday
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Final Steps of Jesus: Entering Jerusalem Luke 19:37 – 44

37When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

38"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" **39**Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" **40**"I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

Stones praising Jesus –

41As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it **42**and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. **43**The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. **44**They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you."

The tears of our King –

Small Group Leader & Personal Bible Study

Memory Verse: Luke 23:43

Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."

Daily Bible Meditation: Words from The Cross

1. Day 1 – John 19:1-27
2. Day 2 – Luke 23:26-43
3. Day 3 – Mark 15:21-39
4. Day 4 – Luke 23:44-49
5. Day 5 – John 19:28-37

Lesson: Words from The Cross

1. When you reflect on the cross, what is the most difficult part for you to imagine?
2. Reflect on the words of Jesus Christ from the cross. How do they minister to you today?
 - "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." (Luke 23:34)
 - "Dear woman, here is your son" and to the disciple, "here is your mother." (John 19:26)
 - "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise." (Luke 23:43)
 - "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Mark 15:34)
 - "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." (Luke 23:46)
 - "It is finished" (John 19:30)
3. Which phrase is most significant to you? Why?
4. In prayer, give thanks to God for sending His Son to the cross, and to Jesus Christ for His willing suffering and victory over sin and death.

Discovery Bible Study Exercise: In your journal or on a piece of paper make three columns and follow these steps:

- Step #1: Write out Luke 23:43
- Step #2: Re-write Luke 23:43 in your own words
- Step #3: Write out what you discover about Jesus in this passage?