



## **“When God Cries”**

**Luke 19:41-44**

Sunday 3/28/2010

**→ Introduction...** In the midst of the joyous triumphant entry into Jerusalem, Jesus weeps. All around Jesus are people singing, dancing and shouting, “Hosanna.” What are some of the things that made Jesus weep then and what continues to make Him weep today?

**→ Open it...**

1. Have you ever wept with someone? What was the cause of this sad time?
  
2. Have you ever wept for someone? What was the difference between these two times?

**→ Explore it... Read Luke 19:37-44.**

1. In verse 38 the people are declaring peace in heaven. Why did Jesus say that they didn't know what would bring them peace?
  
2. In verse 39 the Pharisees told Jesus to rebuke His disciples. How does this relate to Jesus' weeping?
  
3. Jesus' prophecy in verse 43 and 44 could have been for the destruction of Jerusalem by Rome in 70 AD or it could be for a future time. Is there anything in verses 41-44 that would suggest one over the other?
  
4. What are some of the reasons that people don't have peace with God? Discuss how even Christians can fail to have peace with God. The verses below may be helpful but this is not an exhaustive list.
  - a) Isaiah 29:13
  
  - b) Eph 2:8-9
  
  - c) John 14:6, Matt 7:13-14
  
  - d) Matt 7:21-23

e) 1 John 2:15-17

f) Mark 10:24-25

5. In Luke 19:42 Jesus says, "...but now it is hidden from your eyes." Pastor Steve said this implies a divine withholding of understanding. See also Heb 3:7-12, Rom 11:7-8, 2 Cor 3:14-16. Discuss how you see this is true or not. Does it only apply to Jews? How does it mesh with your image of God?
6. How should you respond to someone who is willfully and obviously rebelling against God?
7. Jesus wept because He knew that continued rebellion against God leads to death (Rom 6:23). Discuss the two kinds of death for those who are enemies of God.
8. How does Jesus give us peace with God if we are enemies of God in the first place?

➔ **Apply it...** As you think back on this lesson – answer these questions personally with I, me and my...

1. Jesus showed His compassion for people when He wept for Jerusalem and for Lazarus. Is there someone in your life you need to weep for? What else can you do?
2. Do you feel you have peace with God? If not, why not? Try to put into words the feelings you have about God and why you don't have peace. If you do have peace, then consider the reason for the hope that you have so that you can share it with others (1 Pet 3:15).
3. Do you know someone who is going through a lot of pain and doesn't have peace with God? How can you be an ambassador for God to this person? (2 Cor 5:20)

➔ **Pray it...** Continue to pray and fast for the Easter services. Pray for spiritual and physical strength for Pastor Steve and the choir as they will have five services over the weekend. Pray that many un-churched and unsaved will be invited and will come. Pray that they will come to know Jesus as LORD, Lord and Savior, and find peace with God.