

The Glory & Tragedy of Palm Sunday (Luke 19:28-48)

BIG IDEA: God's sovereign and glorious plan is never disrupted.

- I. The **glory** of Jesus Christ's **divinity** was clearly displayed. (19:28-35)
 - A. Jesus Christ's divine **obedience** to His Father's sovereign plan was highlighted.
 - B. Jesus Christ's divine **omniscience** was highlighted.
 - C. Jesus Christ's divine **fulfillment** of Messianic prophecies was highlighted (*Zechariah 9:9*).
 - D. Jesus Christ's divine **humility** was highlighted.

- II. The **glory** of Jesus Christ's **reception** was clearly displayed. (19:36-38)
 - A. The crowd gave Jesus Christ a **king's** reception.
--The Mount of Olives was about 1 mile from Jerusalem's main gate!
 - B. The crowd used an familiar blessing to emphasize that they saw Him as their **king**. (*Psalm 118:26*)
--Jesus Christ would quote Psalm 118 on the cross.

- III. The **tragedy** of Jesus Christ's **rejection** was clearly displayed and foretold. (19:39-48)
 - A. Some of the Pharisees **rebuked** Jesus Christ for not silencing the jubilant praises of the people. But He declared that God's plan would not allow it to stop!
 - B. The happy praises of the crowd moved Jesus Christ to **tears of sorrow**, for He knew the tragic reality and consequences of their **spiritual blindness**.
 - C. Jesus Christ's **rebuked** those in the Temple courts for their spiritual blindness and sin.
 - D. Both civic and spiritual leaders in Jerusalem began plotting together on how to **destroy** Jesus Christ as the people continued to follow after Him.

Observations & Application

1. When God's creation tragically rejects His sovereign plan, His glory is never diminished—His plan is never disrupted.
 - *It is never right (or safe) to **reject and oppose** God's sovereign plan. You will forever be on the losing team.*
 - *Do you feel like you are, "**Forever running—yet losing this race**" for salvation and eternal life? The end to such futility comes by surrendering **to God's grace**.*
 - *It is always right (and safe) to **believe and embrace** God's sovereign plan. You will forever be on the winning team!*
2. Be honest: are you worshiping or rejecting Jesus Christ in the way that you **think** (*internal mindset & heart posture; root*) and **live** (*external life choices; fruit*)?
 - **"Have You Any Room for Jesus?"**
3. No matter how **tragically** unraveled your life may be, God still offers to you His glorious gift of **grace** through **faith** in the triumphant and finished work of Jesus Christ.