

ALL IN ONE DAY!

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.”

Luke 19:42

- I. The Lamb of God is the central fact of the universe.
 - A. In eternity past, he is slain before the foundation of the world. (Revelation 13:8)

All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast--all whose names have not been written in the Lamb's book of life, the Lamb who was slain from the creation of the world.
 - B. In eternity future, he rules and reigns over all. (Revelation 5:9-10; 7:10)

⁹ *And they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. ¹⁰ You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.” ... ¹⁰ And they cried out in a loud voice: “Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”*
 - C. In time, 2000 years ago outside the walls of Jerusalem, the Lamb is the center point of human history.
 - D. Before all existed, The Lamb was God's eternal plan.
 - E. The plan to save sinners was in place before there were sinners to save.
 - F. All of history is moving according to this plan.

- G. Christ is the promised seed of the woman, The Lamb of God, promised redeemer of mankind.
- II. All in one day. / Three miracles revealed on Palm Sunday / Three lessons the sons of the prophets must learn now!
- A. The true nature of actual power / In the morning, the disciples were rebuked by divine lowliness. / God is deconstructing all of our false conceptions of power.
1. Messiah enters the holy city, unarmed, with an escort of peasant pilgrims, on a donkey.
(Zechariah 9:9)
⁹ Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
 2. All of Jesus's religious contemporaries expected a warrior Messiah, with flaming sword, taking vengeance on the foreign invaders. The disciples had been arguing who would be the greatest, who would hold the greatest position of authority and glory. They squabbled for preeminence, domination, position, and who would give way to whom.
 3. The God-man rode to his throne on a common donkey in lowest guise
 - * Truth can afford to speak quietly.
 - * Authority can afford to wait.
 - * Greatness can afford to be ignored.
 4. The Lord of the world is...

- * majesty combined with meekness,
- * authority in the garb of deep humility,
- * power clothed with gentleness,
- * kingliness content to ride with common folk - God upon a donkey!

B. At midday, surprised by divine compassion / You must never rejoice at the destruction of your enemies. Oh Jerusalem.... how oft... if only.... but now...

1. Here is a new and disturbing conception of judgment. No outburst of wrath; no tirade of revenge; rather a condemnation - just, right, inevitable, but with tears!
2. Christ's very judgment is compassionate, his own heart grieves for sinners, a weeping judge.. (Proverbs 24:17,18; Psalm 103:13,14)

[Pro 24:17-18 NIV] ¹⁷ Do not gloat when your enemy falls; when they stumble, do not let your heart rejoice, ¹⁸ or the LORD will see and disapprove and turn his wrath away from them.

[Psa 103:13-14 NIV] ¹³ As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him; ¹⁴ for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.

III. In the evening over-awed by divine holiness / The God-man cleanses the temple. He protects his lambs from abuse in God's name.

- * Jesus is only stern and austere towards all who would harm his precious children in the name of God.