

The Scripture Reads You and Me



Part I:

If you had been there on that Palm Sunday, would you more likely to have

- (1) gone to untie the colt, or hesitated to "steal" it?
- (2) let the colt go, or asked for compensation?
- (3) waved palms, or tossed your cloak on the road?
- (4) joined the parade, or watched from the sidelines?

(5) cheered from the sidelines, or watched from the windows above?

(6) been excited by the noise, or agreed with the Pharisees?

(7) agreed or disagreed with Jesus throwing out the sellers in the Temple courts?

Part II:

Talk about this statement of Jesus: "My Temple should be a house of prayer."

Part III:

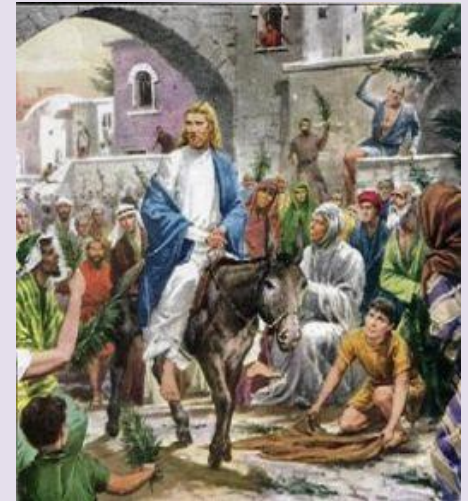
Talk about the similarities and differences between the market in the Temple courtyard and

- (a) occasional fund-raisers for the church budget
- (b) occasional fund-raisers for outside mercy or mission needs
- (c) "cover-the-cost" donation jars
- (d) permanent, for-profit church projects (like a coffee stand or a pop machine)

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Living with Luke

Luke 19:28—48
Palm Sunday
March 24, 2013



Christ the King
Lutheran Church

Adult Bible Class

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Notes

(v. 30) *colt tied*

(v. 31 & 34) *the Lord needs it*

(v. 35) *they put Jesus on the colt*

(v. 36) *they spread their cloaks on the road*

(v. 38) *Blessed is He who comes . . .*

(v. 39) *some Pharisees . . .*

(v. 41) *Jesus weeps over Jerusalem*
– see Luke 23:29-31.

(v. 44) *because . . .*

(v. 45) *those who were selling*

(v. 46) *House of Prayer*

Den of thieves / robbers

(v. 47) *trying to kill him*

(v. 48) *the people . . . hung on His words*

Luke and Jerusalem

Luke is not a fan of Jerusalem. In Luke's Gospel Jesus only comes to Jerusalem four times in His life:

(1) Forty days after His birth, for His presentation in the Temple and for Mary's purification ceremony.

(2) For the Passover when Jesus is 12 years old (although Luke says that this had been their custom, this is the only one he reports on).

(3) When the devil took Him there to tempt Him to jump off the top of the temple.

(4) To go to die on the cross. Jesus makes this clear to His disciples after the Mountain of Transfiguration (Luke 9).

In this Gospel, Luke describes Jerusalem as a killer of prophets (13:34), unwilling to be gathered by Jesus (13:34), a city to go to "resolutely" (9:51) and one deserving of destruction (23:44). He softens a bit when he writes Acts, not so much because of the city itself but because that's where the core group of the apostles are.