

Why Did The Cheering Stop?

Luke 19:28-40

Intro: Gene Smith wrote “Why did the cheering stop?” About Woodrow Wilson. World famous for World War 1 and League of Nations. It all failed, had a stroke and was done.

Why did cheering on Sunday become hatred by Thursday?

I. They forgot the Purpose of Jesus

- A. They were looking for an earthly Kingdom
 - Everyone had an personal agenda in the Kingdom
 - Disciples wanted fame, Jews/freedom, Pharisees/power
 - Palm branches represented Israel nation
- B. Jesus had a different purpose in coming
 - God came to this earth to save us, John 1:29, John 3:16
 - Establishment of the church, not of this world

II. They Refused To Accept His Terms

- A. The terms include the cross
 - The cross represents ultimate sacrifice
 - These people wanted peace though war
 - Jesus offered peace though submission and sacrifice
- B. Many people will reject Christ
 - Pro. 14:12 There is a way that seems right to man, but it ends in destruction
 - 2 Kings 5: Namaan and baptism
 - Luke 18 Rich young ruler and his heart

III. They Didn't Realize Nearness of Judgment

- A. v. 42-44 Coming Judgment for Jerusalem
 - Mt. 27:25 Let his blood be on us and our children (AD 70)
- B. The time for judgment has come today
 - 2 Peter 3, Matthew 25 (ready, busy, kind)
 - Are you ready? Are you consistent?

What do you do concerning the crowds?

1. Remember who you really need to impress (see through their lens)
 - Gal. 1:10 Do I seek to impress men or God?
 - John 2:24 Jesus did not put trust in man/knew man's nature
2. Remember your true character
 - Child of God, a saint purchased by blood (1 Peter 1:18)
3. Realize that things will change
 - Solomon called it a vapor in Ecclesiastes
 - Acts 14 People of Lyconia called Paula & Barnabas gods
 - Acts 28:5 Malta viper bit Paul. Said deserved/called him god