



Sunday, April 5, 2009: "Christ the King" Palm Sunday

Scripture: Luke 19:28-44

Sermon Notes:

1. After raising Lazarus from the dead, large crowds gathered and Jesus' fame spread as He went up to Jerusalem.
2. This is one of the most significant turning points in the gospel narrative as Jesus weeps and prophesies the total destruction of the glorious Temple, fulfilled in AD 70.
3. Jesus is weeping, riding on a donkey, in fulfillment of the prophecy of Zechariah 9:9-10.
4. Jesus' followers still held the traditional Jewish view of Messianic action: military liberation.
5. Jesus however establishes a spiritual kingdom and commands His servants to transact business until He returns.
6. Faithful servants are rewarded with a kingdom, and the wicked with total destruction.
7. His royalty is expressed when Jesus exercises eminent domain, the prerogative of a king, in taking the colt to ride on.
8. Jesus weeps over Jerusalem, that city wallowing in faithlessness and dead religion.
9. In Psalm 72:8, Jesus' kingdom extends over the nations, "from sea to sea."
10. Today humanist philosopher kings want to tell us what is good, occupying the "chair of lies" as Augustine put it.
11. At His next triumphal entry, Jesus will receive honour by all as He judges His enemies and receives the endless adoration of His church.
12. Christ demands complete sovereignty over our lives.
13. The example of Jesus shows the appropriateness of expression of emotion - weeping over sin and the spiritual ruin of His people.

Application Questions:

1. How is Toronto like the Jerusalem that Jesus rode into?
2. Do we weep for our city of churches, which has forgotten its Lord like Jerusalem?
3. Do we show exuberance and emotion for Christ in our worship?
4. What is Jesus seeking in cleansing the temple?
5. How has God blessed and equipped us for work in His Kingdom?
6. Are you working hard investing your talents for the increase of Christ's Kingdom? Or are you tempted to bury them in the ground?