

**Jesus wept for the City**  
**Luke 19:41-44**  
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Thesis: I want to show how our city isn't so different from Jerusalem in Christ's time.

- Intro:
1. There are cities today that are no doubt similar to those of Christ's time.
  2. Cities where sin is promoted and Godliness is despised.
  3. The question is what about our city?
  4. Our we doing all we can to be a light for our city?

I. He wept over their false religion.

- A. What made their religion false?
  1. They had Moses and the prophets (Lk 16:29)
  2. They failed to understand the O.T. message concerning Christ (Jn 5:30-47)
  3. They crucified Christ, which means they missed the ONE they were looking for. (1 Cor 5:7)
- B. What does the Lord see in our city?
  1. Lip service only (Jn 14:15, Mk 7:6)
  2. Self-righteousness and not HIS righteousness (Rom 10:1-3)
    - a. Different plans for salvation
    - b. Different ways to worship
- C. Our greatest need today is to:
  1. Proclaim the true Gospel message of Christ (Acts 20:26-27)
  2. Encourage our own brethren to faithfulness (Heb 10:22-25)

II. He wept over their Cold hearted Discipleship.

- A. Jesus had given them the details about discipleship.
  1. It's terms (Lk 9:23-27)
  2. It's tests (Lk 9:57-62)
- B. What does the Lord see in our city?
  1. Division among His professed followers (Jn 17:20-21)
  2. Unattended assemblies and classes (Heb 10:25)
  3. Undisciplined members (1 Cor 5:5-8)
  4. The idea of sacrificial living is overlooked (Mal 3:8, Rom 12:1).
- C. We fail to recognize the church as the only true body of Christ
  1. Christ is the head –direction/authority (Eph 1:22-23)
  2. We are the members –function together- (1 Cor 12:13-27)
  3. All spiritual life is in the body (Jn 15:1-7).

III. He Wept over Lost Souls.

- A. What did Jesus see when He looked at an audience of people?
  1. Not their clothing or the rich or the poor.
  2. He saw their spiritual emptiness (**Matt 9:36**)

3. Jesus does not look at our physical possessions except in how they affect our souls (Lk 12:16-21)

B. What does Jesus see when He looks at our city? (Lk 15)

1. He still sees lost sheep, lost through careless living.

2. He sees lost sons, lost through material living.

C. We need to have more concern for the lost (Ps 126:5-6)

1. Now is the only time we have to try to teach others.

2. Now is the only time we have to save our selves and to encourage others to do the same.

4. Christ also wept because of their impending judgment (Matt 13:47-50, 2 Thess 1:7-9).

Conc: 1. Jesus wept because of sin. It's past, present and future work.

2. Some will not weep till its too late (Jer 8:20).

3. Invitation