



Jesus in Jerusalem

Luke 19:41-48

Something to Start Us Off

- Think of at least one reason why people tend to turn against their leaders over time?

Something to Notice

- In 19:41-44, what reasons does Jesus give for his sadness upon seeing Jerusalem?
- When Jesus entered the temple, what did he say to those who were selling there?
- Jesus later began teaching daily in the temple. How did the “chief priests, scribes and other principal men of the people” respond to him?

Something to Understand

The Romans laid siege to Jerusalem in 70AD with an army led by the future emperor Titus. After holding the city captive for five months, they attacked and destroyed it. This included demolishing the temple on *Tisha B’Av*, (the 9th of Av), the same day the previous temple had been destroyed centuries earlier.

Jesus was not the first to speak of the temple as a “den of robbers,” Read Jeremiah 7:8-11 to get some Old Testament background for Jesus’ words.

- Jerusalem was then, and is now, the center of religious life for the Jewish people. Why do you suppose Jesus did not receive a continuous hearty welcome from everyone?
- In 19:45 we read that Jesus “began to drive out those who sold” in the temple area. Put yourself in the place of these sellers. What is going through their minds at this moment?
- The passage ends by saying “all the people were hanging on his words.” Evidently some, but not others, are willing to listen when Jesus speaks. Why do you think that is?

Something to Take Home

- Based on our study of this section of Luke 19, how would you describe the relationship Jesus had with the religious leaders of the Jewish people during his lifetime?
- Is there anything else this look at Luke 19:41-48 that you especially want to remember for future reference? Can you explain why?