

# LUKE Lesson 51

## JESUS IN JERUSALEM (19:41-48)

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**41-42 Jesus wept over Jerusalem.** He proclaimed forcefully that they could have received knowledge of things concerning peace in Jerusalem, but their rejection of Him caused spiritual blindness.

When God wants to give you some light and open your eyes to some truth, you'd better receive it and respond accordingly without delay (2 Cor 6:2, Isa 55:6), otherwise He may move on and leave you in the dark.

Jesus' weeping reminds us of David's weeping (2 Sam 15:30). King David is a type and picture of King Jesus. He wept when he found out the people's heart was for another king (Absalom). Jesus knew that even though the people had just welcomed him into Jerusalem in kingly manner, they would soon reject Him for Caesar (John 19:15). He wept because He would have saved them, but He knew they would reject Him, and it broke His heart.

Lesson: don't simply condemn the sinners around you because you know the things they're doing are wrong and you can prove it from the Bible. It ought to break your heart that people have been so deceived by the world, the flesh, and the devil, and are headed for Hell.

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**43-44 Jesus prophesied about the siege and destruction of Jerusalem** because the people were going to reject Him.

### God's prophets prophesied about the destruction of Jerusalem:

**Micah 3:10-12**, Micah told the people Jerusalem would be "plowed as a field" and end up in heaps. The reasons he gave: corruption in judgment, wrong motives in teaching and prophesying (doing it for profit), and claiming that it's all being done with God's blessing.

**Jeremiah 26:17-19**, Jeremiah records that when Micah prophesied of the destruction of Jerusalem, King Hezekiah feared the Lord, got right, and the Lord spared the city that time. Jeremiah prophesied the same thing that Micah did, but the people didn't respond with repentance this time and the city was taken by Babylon.

**Jesus prophesied the same thing:** they rejected His warning and had Him crucified. Jerusalem would be destroyed because they didn't know the TIME of their visitation (vs 44). It was time for the Messiah to come and be received by the nation of Israel, and they didn't receive Him. Because of that, God has stopped the clock on the nation of Israel and brought in a church age, which was not prophesied in the Old Testament. God's clock will start again when the church is caught out in the rapture.

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The details of the siege of Jerusalem by Titus in 70 A.D. is recorded in a book called “Miller’s Church History.” Available for Kindle on Amazon for 90 cents. Josephus records the events in greater detail.

**Vs 45 Jesus purified the temple.** The Jews were using the temple and the mandatory sacrifices as an opportunity to make a profit. They turned the worship of God into a business.

This practice probably started as a result of perverting what the Bible said about the 3-year tithe in Deuteronomy 14:24-27.

Jesus didn’t lose control in a fit of rage (see John 2:13-17). He calmly, but firmly cleaned out His Father’s house, that it might be holy as God is holy. Jesus is against anybody today who uses God’s church for financial gain.

**John 10:1-13**, a true shepherd cares for the sheep and protects them. A hireling uses the sheep for financial gain and leaves the sheep exposed to many dangers. Paul said, “**I seek not yours, but you**” (2 Cor 12:14). He was saying, “*I care about your well-being, not your money.*”

**John 18:40**, the Jews had more love and affection for a robber than they did for the Lord Jesus Christ because they had more in common with the robber (see Prov 13:20, Ps 119:63).

**2 Corinthians 11: 23-28**, Paul was a good example of a minister who truly loved God and loved God’s people, gladly suffering for their sakes. He was a minister who would never make merchandise of the people. If Paul had been a hireling, he would have quit as soon as the going got tough.

Jesus cleansed the temple because He knew those men were hindering the people that He cared about. God’s house was a place of worship and prayer and sacrifice (Isa 56:7), but these men turned it into a business.

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