



Sermon Discussion Questions

March 29, 2026

Luke 19:41-44

A Merciful Savior

Opening Questions

1. From the passage, what struck you most about the contrast between the celebrating crowd and the weeping Jesus in this passage? Why do you think Luke emphasizes this tension?
2. Have you ever experienced a moment where outward celebration masked a deeper reality? How does that help you understand what's happening in Luke 19?

Jesus Comes Near

1. Pastor emphasizes that "Jesus comes near" or "Jesus is near." What does it mean practically that Jesus draws near to us in our brokenness? How have you experienced His nearness in difficult times?
2. The pastor warns against "claiming to have trusted Jesus if there's nothing that's changed on the inside." How would you describe the difference between knowing *about* Jesus and truly trusting Him?

Jesus is Merciful

1. The sermon describes Jesus weeping "bitterly" over Jerusalem—the strongest possible word for being overcome with emotion. What does Jesus's weeping reveal about His heart toward those who reject Him?
2. Isaiah 53:4 says Jesus "has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows." How does understanding that Jesus carries our grief—not just saves our souls—change how you approach Him in your daily struggles?

Jesus is Seeking

1. The sermon states that Jesus says "even you" 15 times in three verses—making it deeply personal. Why is it significant that Jesus seeks the "hardest heart" and "most twisted, lost person"?
2. What does it mean that mercy is "not getting what you deserve"? How does understanding mercy help us grasp what Jesus accomplished at the cross?

Personal Application

1. The Pastor says, "The day of salvation is today. The time of visitation is now." If someone here is still weighing whether to trust Christ, what would you want them to understand about the urgency and the mercy being offered?
2. For those who have trusted Christ: How does this passage challenge you to examine whether your faith is a genuine transformation or merely a religious activity?
3. How can we, as a church community, weep with Jesus over those who don't yet know Him—while also celebrating the hope of the gospel?
4. As we approach Easter, how does understanding Jesus's tears on Palm Sunday deepen your appreciation for what He accomplished on Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday?