

Palm Sunday 2019

Not My King, Not My Kingdom

I. Background

- A.** The past 200 years
- B.** Maccabees/Josephus
- C.** They understood the promise of a Messiah in strictly political terms
- D.** Their present condition
- E.** Tremendous expectation
- F.** John the Baptist
- G.** Jesus – the great Jewish hope – could he be the one?
- H.** Then – the Triumphed Entry – Hosanna!
- I.** Passover -
 - Thousands from Galilee – hot bed of Messianic hope
 - Maybe this will be the year the Messiah eats the Passover meal in Jerusalem

II. The King Comes

- A.** He enters / He leaves
- B.** He attacks the credibility of their religious system
 - The money changers
 - The large givers
 - The religious leaders
 - Says the Temple will be destroyed
- C.** Refuses to denounce Rome
- D.** The leaders plot to destroy Him
- E.** The people lose interest

III. Jesus Kingdom

- A.** Not about territory or geography
- B.** Not about us or them
- C.** It's about something else
 - Following me
 - Being transformed into a new creation
 - Becoming part of a new humanity
 - Not religion but relationships
 - 1.** With God
 - 2.** With others - Jews and Gentiles
 - Not following laws but following the new desires and motivations to love, serve and forgive

IV. They Could Not

- A.** Not the king of King or Kingdom they had in mind
- B.** Our agenda (what we've been told since we were kids) needs to be realized
- C.** If you can't perform then we don't need you and all the great stuff you can do
- D.** They were easily led by Jesus' enemies

V. Thoughts

- A.** No matter how bad you think things are, there are a lot of people who like things just the way they are. Especially the rich and powerful. They will never meet your agenda but they will always use you to meet theirs.
- B.** All the great values of life that were created to enjoy, (i.e. love, peace, kindness, etc.) do not come from this world's kingdoms but from the transformed life that comes from the Kingdom of God, through surrender to the King.
- C.** With King Jesus it is either reject Him and His Kingdom or surrender to it.