**Jesus Wept**

Text: Luke 19:28-44

Idea: Hopefully, we will be able to hear and discern the coming of the Lord.

I. Introduction: The Triumphal Entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem.

II. Jesus’ response to the city of Jerusalem:

1. Jesus wept. Why?
2. Because of the people’s **spiritual blindness**. That generation was unable to discern that Jesus was the Messiah and make the transition from the Old Covenant to the New Covenant.
3. Because the people missed **the visitation of God**. Jesus was announcing a spiritual kingdom and not an earthly, political kingdom. In 70 AD the Roman emperor, Titus, destroyed the city of Jerusalem, the temple, and its inhabitants.
4. Because the people were **unable to spiritually discern** the times and working of the Holy Spirit:
5. Isaiah said, “Be ever hearing, never **understanding**, be ever seeing, but never **perceiving**,” (Isaiah 6:9).
6. They looked for the natural, temporal, earthly blessing and missed the spiritual, eternal blessing of God. Jesus said, “If you had only known (understood, perceived) in this day the things which would bring you **real**

**peace and rest**.”

III. Our response to Jesus Christ:

 A. Our prayer: May God help us by giving us revelation and understanding.

 1. Many people want to hold on to parts of the Old Covenant and syncretize them

 to the New Covenant.

 2. This is possibly a culture thing for some people. For others it is to secure a

 sense of spiritual elitism.

 B. Real peace comes from what Jesus did for us. (Colossians 2:13-15)

 1. He forgave us of all our sins.

 2. He delivered us from the bondage of the law through grace.

 3. He defeated and disarmed the enemy.

 4. He freed us from sin.

 5. He gave us resurrection life now and throughout eternity.

 C. It is sad that many people today cannot spiritually discern the move of the Holy

 Spirit. They are blind and miss God. May God open our eyes, ears, and hearts.

 While Jesus is held in high esteem by Muslims, Mormons, Jehovah Witnesses, and people with various other theological beliefs, those groups all teach that Jesus was a created being.

 It is Orthodox Christianity’s affirmation of the full deity of Jesus Christ and His uncreated nature that makes Christianity unique from all other religions and philosophies.