

## **“Palm Sunday Revelation”**

**“And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, ‘Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.” (Luke 2:34-35)**

### **Problematic Praise of Passing Popularity**

**Luke 19:28, 36-40 – (28) “And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. (36) And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. (37) As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, (38) saying, ‘Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!’ (39) And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, rebuke your disciples.’ (40) He answered, ‘I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.’”**

### **Agonizing Assessment**

**Luke 19:41-44 – (41) “And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, (42) saying, ‘Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. (43) For the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up a barricade around you and surround you and hem you in on every side (44) and tear you down to the ground, you and your children within you. And they will not leave one stone upon another in you, because you did not know the time of your visitation.’”**

### **House Cleaning**

**Luke 19:45-46 – (45) “And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold, (46) saying to them, ‘It is written, ‘My house shall be a house of prayer,’ but you have made it a den of robbers.’”**

## **Short-Sighted Sell Outs of Jesus:**

### **(1) Judas – The Love of Money**

**Matthew 26:14-16** – (14) “Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests (15) and said, ‘What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?’ And they paid him thirty pieces of silver. (16) And from that moment he sought an opportunity to betray him.”

### **(2) Sanhedren & Pilate – Love of the Present World Order**

**John 11:48** – “If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.”

**Matthew 26:3-4** – (3) “Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, (4) and plotted together in order to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him.”

**John 19:12-13** – (12) “From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, ‘If you release this man, you are not Caesar’s friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar.’ (13) So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement...”

### **(3) The Crowd – Easily Manipulated Masses**

**Matthew 27:20-25** – (20) “Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. (21) The governor again said to them, ‘Which of the two do you want me to release for you?’ And they said, ‘Barabbas.’ (22) Pilate said to them, ‘Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?’ They all said, ‘Let him be crucified!’ (23) And he said, ‘Why, what evil has he done?’ But they shouted all the more, ‘Let him be crucified!’ (24) So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, ‘I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.’ (25) And all the people answered, ‘His blood be on us and on our children!’”

### **(4) Disciples – Fear Pressure Foible**

**Matthew 26:34-35, 56, 71-72** – (34) “Jesus said to him, ‘Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.’ (35) Peter said to him, ‘Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!’ And all the disciples said the same. (56) ...Then all the disciples left him and fled. (71) And when he went out to the entrance, another servant girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, ‘This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.’ (72) And again he denied it with an oath: ‘I do not know the man.’”

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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