

**I. Introduction: Jesus' entry into Jerusalem is hailed as the greatest moment in His ministry, but in reality, it demonstrated a triumphal failure on the part of the Jewish people.**

- A. Jesus came up from Jericho with a mob of excited Jews; there was a growing expectation that He was their Messiah, but their excitement turned into murder only days later.

**II. The Triumphal Failure (Luke 19:11-44).**

A. The Failure to Listen (vv. 11-27).

1. Jesus taught this parable to those who thought He would bring in the kingdom. They did not listen carefully, He said He was going away for a while and He would return.

B. The Failure to Perceive (vv. 28-35).

1. They did not understand that He was planning to die for their sins, as their humble sacrifice. He had not come to rule, but to give His life as a sacrifice for sin.

C. The Failure to Believe (vv. 36-38).

1. They failed to accept Jesus as the One who had come to save them from their sins; they wanted a Savior who would fulfill all their political hopes and dreams.

D. The Failure to Worship (vv. 39-40).

1. The Pharisees tried to command Jesus to stop His disciples from worshipping Him. But Jesus didn't rebuke the people for their praise; instead, He welcomed it.

E. The Failure to Capitalize (vv. 41-44).

1. Jesus shocked the crowds when He wept over the city because He knew the destruction of the city was coming for failing to receive Him as their King.

**III. Conclusion: The entry of Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday ended up being a triumphal failure on the part of the disciples, the Jewish leaders, and the crowds.**

## Questions About: The Triumphal Failure

1. Why do we consider Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday triumphal? What humanly speaking made it look successful? If you were there would you have perceived it as triumphal?
2. How had the people failed to listen to Jesus? (**Matt 16:21-28**) How had Jesus indicated His return might be delayed? (**Luke 19:11-27**) What did they anticipate would happen? (**v.11**)
3. How did the Jews misunderstand Jesus? (**Luke 19:28-35**) Why was Jesus coming on a donkey important? (**Zech 9:9**) How was this humble? Who did it identify Him with? (**1 Kings 1:33, 44**)
4. What did the crowd outwardly do to welcome Jesus into the city? (**Luke 19:36-38**) Why did they accept Him? (**v. 37**) How did the Jews fail to believe in Jesus? (**Luke 23:18-23**)
5. How did they believe what they wanted about Jesus? How does the world believe only what they want to about Jesus? Have you ever been guilty of believing what you want?
6. How did the Pharisees refuse to worship Jesus? (**Luke 19:39-40**) Why did they tell Jesus to command the people to stop? What did Jesus mean, "the stones will cry out..."? (**v. 40**)
7. What did Jesus do while the other people rejoiced? (**Luke 19:41-44**) What made Jesus so distraught? (**v. 42**) How did the people fail to recognize "the time of their visitation"? (**v. 44**)
8. Have you failed to listen to Jesus? Have you failed to perceive His true mission? Have you failed to believe in Him fully? Have you failed to worship Him? Have you failed to act?

### Prayers:

1. Pray that God would help you to follow Jesus in whatever way He asks you to follow Him.
2. Pray that Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection would grip you in a new and fresh way.