



Imitate Jesus: Glad, Sad, Mad
Sunday 9th April Unity Hill (Benji)

Luke 19:37-48 Entry into Jerusalem

1. EMOTIONS

- Showing emotion is OK, its God given, its biblical
- Great heroes of the bible have emotions

- God has emotions

2. JESUS ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM

A fulfillment of scripture- Zechariah 9:9-10

3. Jesus Glad (Luke 19:37-40)

"all of his followers began to shout and sing as they walked along, praising God for all the wonderful miracles they had seen."

4. Jesus Sad (Luke 19:41-44)

"But as he came closer to Jerusalem and saw the city ahead, he began to weep."

"How I wish today that you of all people would understand the way to peace."

5. Jesus Mad (Luke 19:45-46)

Isaiah 56:7 "my Temple will be called a house of prayer for all nations."

Jeremiah 7:11 "Don't you yourselves admit that this Temple, which bears my name, has become a den of thieves?"

Questions for further discussion and life groups:

1. What is your view on the value we need to place on human emotion?
2. What scriptures and characters come to mind of people showing emotion?
3. What ways do you think God is emotional?
4. Read through Jesus entry into Jerusalem from Lukes perspective.
5. Where can you recognise emotions of glad (joy), sad (grief) and mad (anger). Discuss these in relation to Jesus. Read also other gospel accounts to help colour in the picture (incl John 2:13-22)
6. Where can you see Jesus at work in a way that brings you joy which turns to praise?
7. When is the last time you wept for those who failed to recognise the peace Jesus can bring? What can we do with this grief?
8. What injustices or roadblocks exist that prevent others from worshipping Jesus? Does this make you angry enough to act? Discuss whether you think Jesus anger at turning the tables is justified? What would this emotion look like in our lives?

Prayer:

Lord Jesus we praise you and lift you high for all the joy you bring to us and to others. You have worked amazing miracles. Help us to weep when you weep. To have a heart that breaks for things that break your heart. Holy Spirit convict us as to what we might need to change to allow others to come and worship God more freely. Amen.