

**DAILY READINGS**

Sunday	Luke 19:41-48
Monday	Luke 20:1-26; Psalm 45:8-17; Proverbs 7:18-21
Tuesday	Luke 20:27-21:4; Psalm 46:1-4; Proverbs 7:22-24
Wednesday	Luke 21:5-38; Psalm 46:5-11; Proverbs 7:25-27
Thursday	Luke 22:1-13; Psalm 47; Proverbs 8:1-3
Friday	Matthew 26:14-20; Psalm 48:1-5; Proverbs 8:4-7
Saturday	Mark 14:1-17; Psalm 48:6-14; Proverbs 8:8-10

**DEVOTIONAL: READ LUKE 19:41-48**

Just after Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem, He approached the city and wept over the spiritual blindness of the people. He entered as the present Prince of Peace, able to take away the sins of the world, but He knew that they had already missed that reality. He knew their hearts and knew what destruction was coming for them. Jesus, the incarnate Christ and kind King, the one whose voice quieted storms and whose hands healed disease, stood on a hill looking over Jerusalem, knowing their chosen fate, declaring, "I am your Prince of Peace."

Arriving at the temple, Jesus' sorrow grew. The temple was to be a place where people could pray and worship the Lord. Yet, it had become more about the financial profiting of men than worship of God. As Jesus continued

to bring teaching and healing, those in power sought to bring death and destruction to Jesus and His ministry.

The gospel of Jesus Christ, as shared by Jesus Himself, was simple: "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!" (Mark 1:15). It is to see Jesus for who He really is and respond to Him. Jesus brings forgiveness. Jesus brings salvation. Jesus brings love, light, rest, and peace.

Let us not be blind to our blindness! May we recognize if we have made our religious practice about ourselves. May we see our sin and weep over it as Jesus did. May we repent of our sin and turn to Him. May we see Jesus and know the peace He brings.

## REFLECTION

Ask the Lord to reveal a specific area of blindness in your life. In what areas are you not accurately seeing Jesus or yourself?

What patterns in your life reflect a desire for selfish gain rather than humble submission?

How are you serving weekly to help create a healthy environment for others to engage in worship and prayer together? Where do you see God working in and through the ministry of the local church? If you are not currently serving in the church, who can you talk to about making that kind of investment?

## DISCUSSION

What place do you feel the most at peace?

## PRAYER

“Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin” (Psalm 51:1-2).

Help me to see where I have put myself before You, God. Help me to turn from my selfishness. For I have been so preoccupied with the things of this world, I have become immune to the reality of having You nearer than the next breath.

“Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me” (Psalm 51:10-11).

Let me become more aware, more enthralled, and more satisfied by Your presence. Amen.