

What Are We Missing

Luke 19.37-44

It's possible to be close to Jesus, cheer for Jesus, and even call ourselves followers of Jesus—and still miss who he really is and what he is doing right in front of us. As Jesus enters Jerusalem, the cheering crowd reminds us to ask an important question: **What are we missing?**

Three things the people in Jerusalem were unaware of that we often miss, too:

1. What brings **TRUE PEACE** and **HAPPINESS**.

*If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace v42
Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. John 14.6*

2. That our **ACTIONS** today have **CONSEQUENCES** tomorrow.

*The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. v43
For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6.23*

3. **JESUS!**

...you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you... v44

How can our eyes be opened so that we don't miss Jesus and the life he wants for us? Paul's prayers for the believers in Ephesus point us toward four things that can help us see more clearly.

1. Get to know **JESUS BETTER**.

*I ask the God of our Master, Jesus Christ, the God of glory—to make you intelligent and discerning in knowing him personally...
Ephesians 1.17 THE MESSAGE*

2. Discover what God has **CALLED YOU TO DO**.

... your eyes focused and clear, so that you can see exactly what it is he is calling you to do, grasp the immensity of this glorious way of life he has for his followers... Ephesians 1.18 THE MESSAGE

3. As often as you can, make use of God's **RESURRECTION POWER**.

...and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead... Ephesians 1.19-20

4. A deeper understanding of **GOD'S LOVE**.

*...to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge... Ephesians 3.18-19a
Because of your unfailing love, I can enter your house... Psalm 5.7 NLT*

What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?

Love God, Love Others, Learn Jesus, DO SOMETHING!
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