

Written in Red: Words of Jesus

Outshouted by a stone

Luke 19:28-40

Introduction

I continue to be surprised by Jesus! No matter how long I've known him or how much I've experienced with him, he continues to astonish and amaze me.

Like on Palm Sunday, for example. He spent his entire life on earth up to this point avoiding the spotlight, refusing to become the center of attention, then suddenly on this one day, we find him at the head of a noisy, joyous parade.

Why the parade crowd was so happy

Jesus represented God who saves

Jesus gave hope for the future

Jesus brought the prospect of peace

Why the religious leaders were so unhappy

Jesus received applause for miracles only God can do

Jesus allowed people to refer to him as Messiah

Jesus upset the fragile balance of power with Rome

Jesus generated resentment because of his popularity

How Jesus came between them

Jesus refused to shut down the parade

Jesus pointed out that all of creation praises him

Jesus acknowledged that we choose to praise him or not

Personal Response

How we praise him

- With our words
- From the heart
- By our actions

Ways we fail to praise him

- We keep quiet when we shouldn't
- We use our voices to complain rather than praise
- We allow our lives to contradict our words

Next Week: Resurrection and Life

John 11:1-44