

LifeGroup Questions

Based on: Luke 19:28-44

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Overview

“To be or not to be, that is the question.” William Shakespeare. This famous line has been rewritten in many ways. While approaching Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday many Christians ask, “To worship or not to worship, that is the question.” They may not actually say the line out loud, but are feeling it in their hearts. They approach this time of year like any other time of year. If they have had a good week with no major setbacks and are feeling happy about life in general then, and only then, is God worthy of being worshiped.

The truth is that worshipping God is not the question. He deserves worship no matter how you are feeling. Your feelings can change from day to day, but you should always have a heart for worship. During the triumphal entry Jesus said: “if they keep quiet, even the stones will cry out.” He knew worship was going to happen and it wasn’t dependent on any single person’s feelings.

Jesus was not entering Jerusalem like many of His followers expected. They wanted a King to come in and throw off Roman rule. They were not expecting their Messiah to come to Jerusalem to die. When Jesus didn’t meet their expectations the same people worshipping now would be crying out crucify Him, crucify Him. Jesus was entering as a King, but not as one with earthly ambitions. He knew people’s feelings about Him would change. They didn’t need a conquering King, they needed a Savior willing to die.

Of all people present in the crowd during the triumphal entry the Pharisees should have been the ones worshipping. Instead they were being critical of Jesus and of those who were worshipping. They probably had their arms either crossed or stiff by their sides as Jesus passed by. As their posture was, so their hearts would follow. This was true in Jesus’ day and is true today. Do you come to worship with a posture willing to worship? Or do you come stiff as a board expecting God to meet your expectations before you offer worship? Your heart will follow your posture.

Bible Study: Luke 19:28-44

1. What hinders believers from worshipping?
2. In what ways does a person’s posture during worship reflect their heart?
3. How can changing postures (by lifting hands, kneeling, etc.) help change your heart?

4. How do you maintain a spirit of worship even when God doesn't meet your expectations?