

THE STONES SING SILENT NIGHT

(Luke 19:37-40)

Introduction:

1. No, I am not referring to Mick Jagger and his mates singing a Christmas song. I am referring to that amazing statement of our Lord in Luke 19:37-40.
2. Why was Jesus making His way to Jerusalem so momentous as to necessitate the declaration/celebration of it? Because this was the event ordained before the foundation of the world that would reconcile God's children to Himself. This was the seminal moment of all time.
3. Let us consider this moment in its fullness. How that Jesus coming to Jerusalem would ultimately fulfill the Patriarchal and Mosaic Systems, and even fulfill the earnest expectation of all creation.

Discussion:

I. Fulfillment of the Patriarchal System.

- A. The Patriarchal System was begun in the Garden of Eden with the promise of Gen. 3:15.
- B. It was typified by the father of the household (the patriarch) offering animal sacrifices on a home built altar.
 1. This was to remind them of the terrible cost of sin (Job 1:5).
 2. This was to remind them and focus their attention on the promise of God of a substitutional sacrifice (Gen. 3:15).
- C. Jesus coming and dying for the sins of all mankind was the fulfillment of the Patriarchal System (John 19:30; Gal. 4:4), and reason to shout and sing!

II. Fulfillment of the Mosaic System.

- A. The Mosaic System was based upon God's promises to Abram (Gen. 12:3; 22:18) and begun when Moses received the Law from God at Mt. Sinai (Ex. 20).
- B. It was typified by a Levitical priesthood headed by an Aaronic High Priest offering a multitude of sacrifices (animal and other) upon a central altar in the tabernacle and then the temple.
 1. This was to remind them of the terrible cost of sin.
 2. This was to remind them and focus them on the promise of God.
 3. This also served to help them recognize the fulfillment of that promise (John 5:39; Luke 24:27; 1 Cor. 5:7).
- C. Jesus coming and dying for the sins of all mankind was the fulfillment of the Mosaic System (Heb. 10:1-14; John 19:30; Gal. 4:4), and reason to shout and sing!

III. Fulfillment of the Creation's Earnest Expectation.

- A. Note an interesting truth in Col. 1:15-17. The creation was created for Jesus. In what sense? Consider 1 Pet. 1:18-20.
- B. Note the figurative language of Paul in Rom. 8:18-22.
- C. Note the similar language in Is. 55.

Conclusion:

1. Tomorrow is Christmas, a day selected to remember the birth of our Lord. Let us indeed rejoice that our Lord was born, but let us never forget why He was born. He was born to die and to save the world from Satan and sin.
2. He was born to be the propitiation for the sins of all mankind (1 John 2:2), to become the curse to free us from the curse (Gal. 3:13), to give His life in order to give us life (John 10:17, 18, 28)!
3. Invitation.

PRAYER LIST FOR WEEK STARTING DEC. 24TH

Those with long term issues

Louise Williams, Cliff and Rachel Greenawalt and their family, Ruth Vaughn as she lives with diabetes and MS, and Harrison Waldron.

Those with short term issues

- ▶ Darrell McKee and Jeff Hofgren as they continue to recovery from cancer treatments.
- ▶ Frances Davis as she struggles with some health issues and is preparing to move.
- ▶ Kyle Lingenfelter as he seeks to find the cause and a treatment for his right wrist/hand.
- ▶ Our members who are traveling.
- ▶ Our college students who are away from us in body, but not in spirit.
- ▶ Our leadership in the church; that they might be faithful, strong, and bold.
- ▶ Our community; that they may seek the Lord and we might be able to guide them into the truth.