



Day 36 “Mercy in a Time of Hope”

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Key Verse: Psalm 6:2 *“Have mercy on me, Lord, for I am faint; heal me, Lord, for my bones are in agony.”*

When Jesus came to Jerusalem for the last time, we call it the "triumphal entry". Imagine the crowds being moved, singing and praising him. Imagine the disciples and their elation at being a part of a revolution.

Jesus didn't feel that way. Luke 19:41 says, "As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it." Imagine the singing, the joy, the passion that Jesus saw on the faces around him, and imagine the sadness that this passage shows.

Psalm 6:2 sees the Psalmist asking for mercy and healing from God. Some of us are entering this time of Easter with heaviness in our hearts, but we must all remember that part of being a Christian, a follower of Jesus, is hope -- even hope in the face of great sadness.

Scriptures: Psalm 6, 94; Jeremiah 15:10-21; Philippians 3:15-21; John 12:20-26