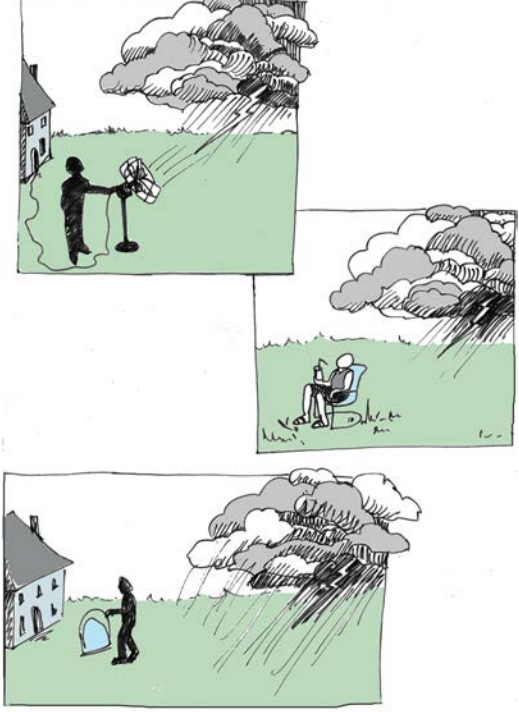


When change is coming, we can...

The Change	Adjust to it	Ignore it	Fight it
Winter in Michigan			
A thunderstorm			
Death			
When God comes...			

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The King is Coming

Luke 19:28-44

An urgent and timely message:

- These days: disruption and death are very real
- Palm Sunday: a day of decision

<http://bib.ly/Lk19.NIV>

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Setting for Luke 19

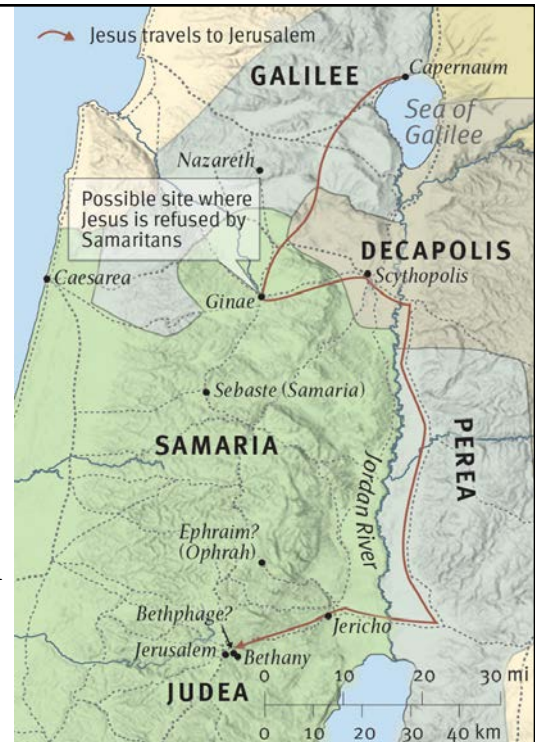
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- “As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem.”

Luke 9:51

- “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.”

Luke 9:22



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Setting for Luke 19

Jesus the King is coming to Jerusalem **Rejection**

Final miracle of life change **Resistance**

- Salvation came to a tax collector *Luke 9:1-9*
- All the people muttered because Jesus was accepting “a sinner”

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Setting for Luke 19

Jesus the King is coming to Jerusalem **Rejection**

Final miracle of life change **Resistance**

Final parable: reactions to a new king **Resistance & Rejection**

- Active rejection: rejecting the new king
 - “His subjects hated him... ‘We don’t want this man to be our king.’ ” *Luke 19:14*
- Passive resistance: ignoring the new king’s commands
 - Instead of serving the king, the man buried the king’s treasure
 - “You wicked servant.” *Luke 19:22*

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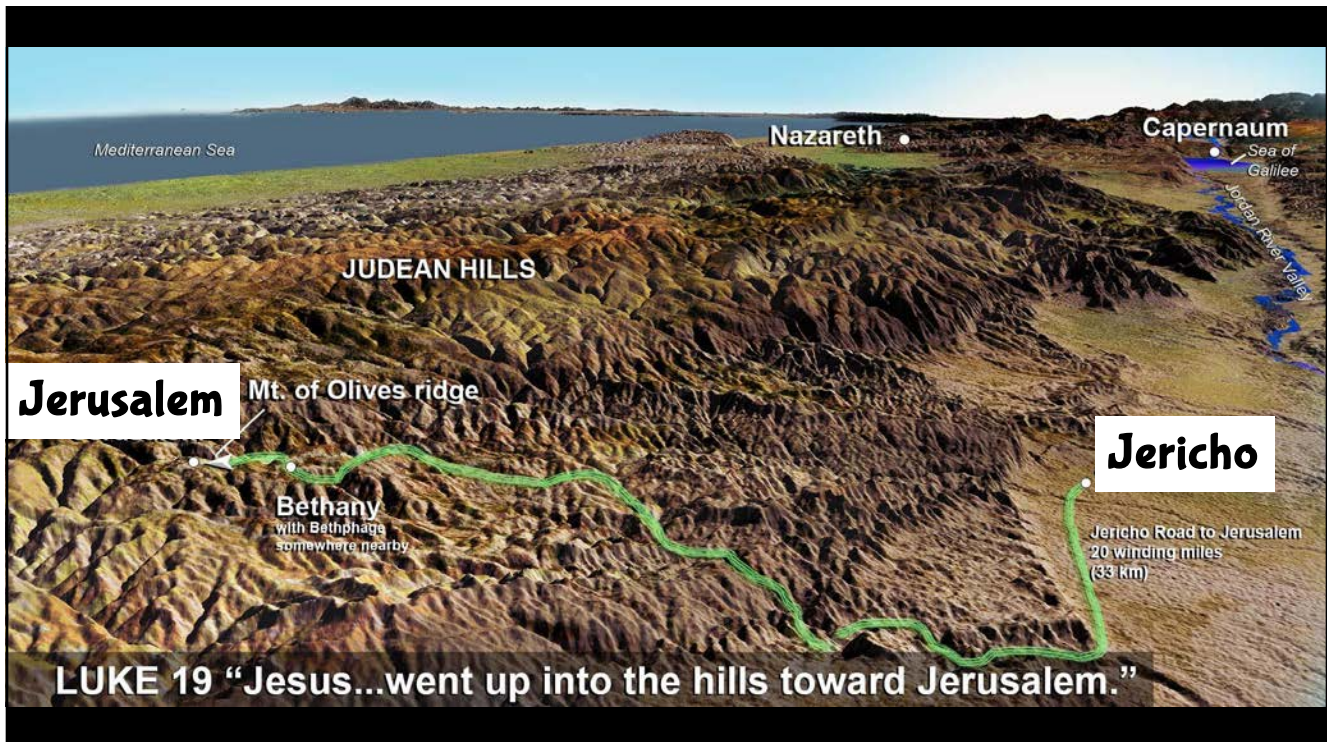
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35-38: • Luke says, “Remember what just came before”

39-40: • Rejection and resistance

41-44: • And judgment

- Authority of the king: “The Lord needs it.”

- Plus foreknowledge

- Old Testament king of peace: ride a mule

- Very different from Roman kings

- Yet for Jews, obviously the actions of the coming king

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Luke 19:28-44

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35-38: Joyful praise of the coming King

39-40: • Zechariah's prophecy: "See, your king comes to you,

41-44: righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey." *Zechariah 9:9*

- Joyful praise by disciples
 - Praising God for Jesus' miracles
- Praise for God's King, not merely His kingdom
 - Seemingly intentional fulfillment of prophecy about God's King

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- 41-44: • Pharisees: seemingly want to quiet the praise
- Are they opposing the message?
 - Rather, it seems that they are trying to quiet this public praise because of the trouble it would bring
- Jesus: this praise is right and essential
- When nature has a voice for God:
 - to shame the humans who should have praised
 - to declare that the praise will not be stopped

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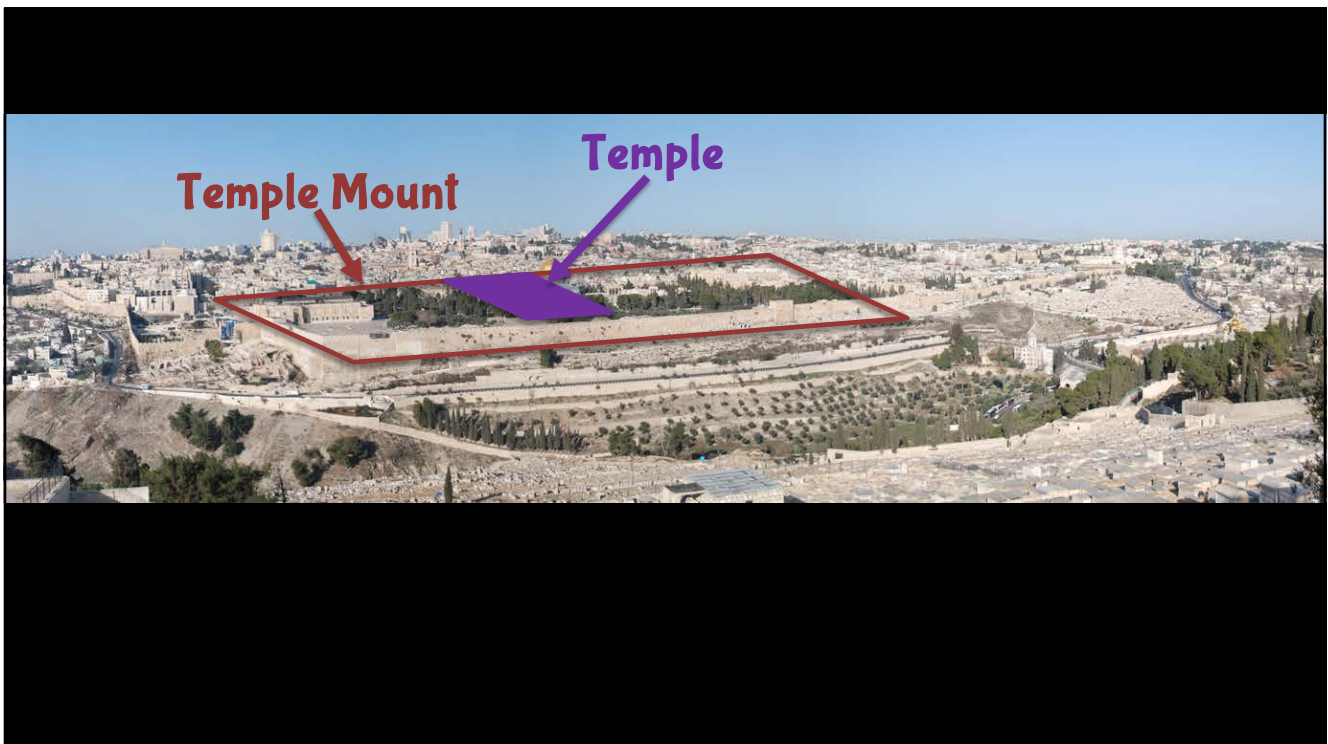
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- When He saw the city, he wept in grief
- Everyone must have been stunned!
- Why weep?
 - This city will call for His death
 - They will reject God's King
 - To their destruction
- They missed the opportunity to respond to God when He came to bring life to them

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The Big Ideas

When God comes to people they respond with...

- Joyful and total submission to the King
- **Open rebellion against the King**
- **Passive resistance against the King**

When people resist or oppose God, Jesus responds...

- with compassionate grief
- and self-sacrifice to bring salvation

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Application

- Joyfully embrace the absolute authority of the King
 - He is the King over everyone and everything
 - With absolute authority
 - So we rejoice that He is perfectly good!
 - **Passive resistance** is **futile** and **evil**

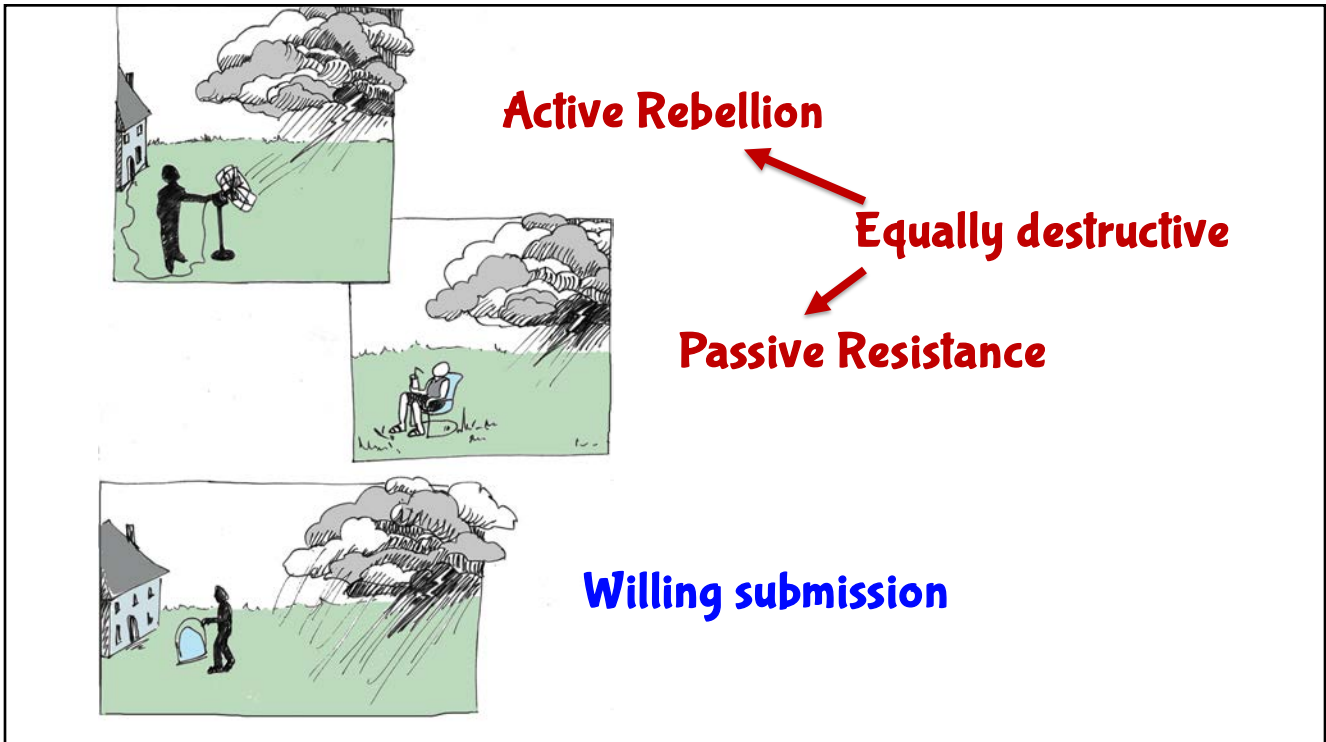
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Following Him when it fits our agenda

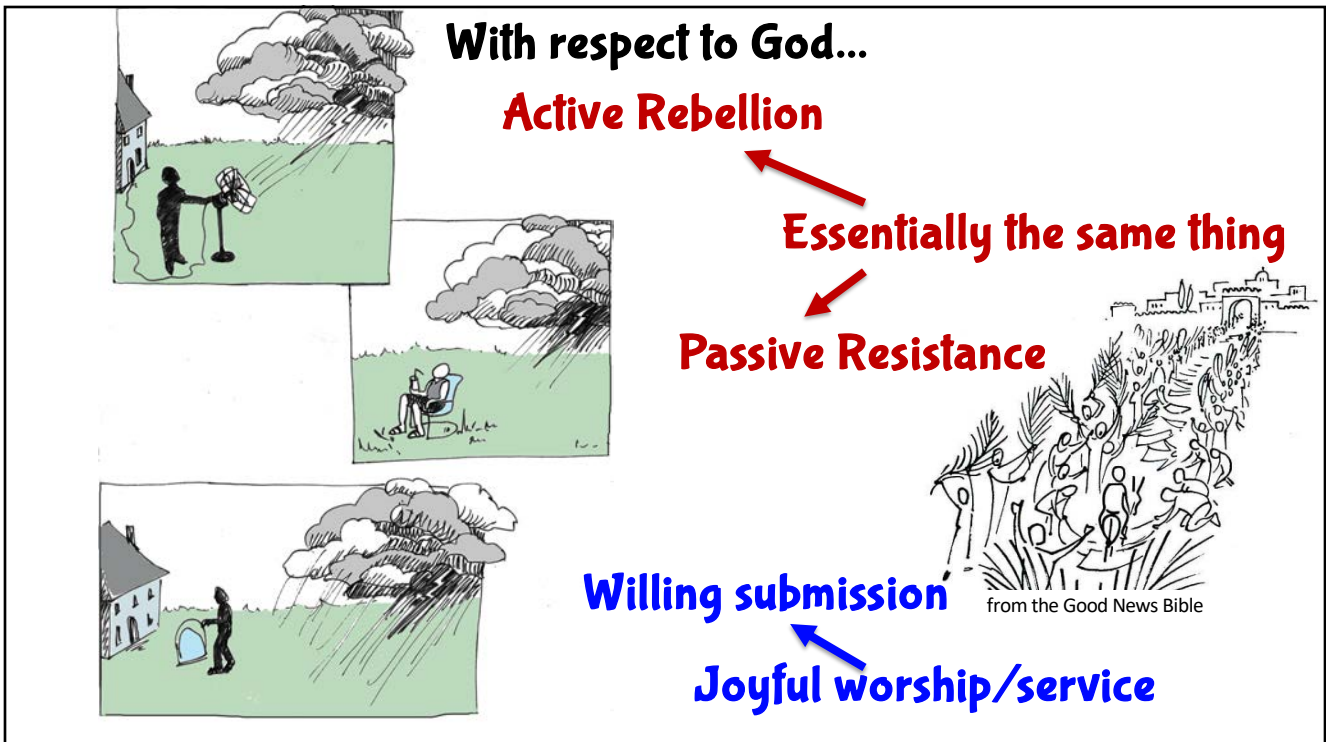
Cannot succeed

Rejection of God's
authority and glory

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- Joyfully embrace the absolute authority of the King
- Joyfully embrace the self-sacrifice and compassionate grief of our Savior
 - Parable of the minas is not an allegory for Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem: ("Kill the rebels right here and now!")
 - Surprise of Jesus' response to those who reject Him
 - God never delights in the loss experienced by those who reject Him...He grieves over their loss

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Jeremiah prophesied God's judgment against "God's people" who rebelled against Him

"Since my people are crushed, **I am crushed;**
I **mourn**, and **horror grips me.**

Is there no balm in Gilead?

Is there no physician there?

Why then is there no healing
for the wound of my people?

Oh, that my head were a spring of water
and **my eyes a fountain of tears!**

I would **weep day and night**
for the slain of my people."

Jeremiah 8:21-9:1

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Paul's response to the Jewish people who rejected Jesus as the Messiah (and tried to kill Paul for it)

I speak the truth in Christ—I am not lying, my conscience confirms it through the Holy Spirit—I have **great sorrow and unceasing anguish** in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my people, those of my own race, the people of Israel.

Romans 9:1-4

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 - Never respond with pride or self-satisfaction
 - Show compassionate grief
 - Plead with people to turn to God

With many other words he **warned** them; and he **pleaded** with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.”

Acts 2:40

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The disruptions and deaths should get our attention.

How are we responding to God?

- W → **Both active rebellion and passive resistance miss God**
- → **Do not miss the opportunity to respond to God today!**
- → **Our Savior gives Himself to bring Salvation to rebels like us**

How are we responding to those who oppose God?

→ **With compassionate grief and urgency**