

## "Your Strength ... in Quietness ..."

(Isaiah 30:15)

Jesus was riding a colt into Jerusalem.  
Crowds of followers waved palm branches,  
laying their coats on the ground.  
Crowds were shouting praise to God  
for all the works of power which  
Jesus had done!

Well... it wasn't all positive.  
The Pharisees, putting up a front on  
behalf of "Roman order", told Jesus  
to get this crowd under control to  
which Jesus promptly replied (no  
doubt with eye to eye contact with  
His critics) "if these don't do (this)  
then the stones will cry out!"

However, in the midst of all the noise  
and energy there is *yet another scene!*  
The colt stopped; Jesus on its back.  
At a strategic view point overlooking  
the city of Jerusalem Jesus was  
suddenly *silent and stern.*  
... certainly a changed mood from  
those stern words to His critics!  
Jesus became *deeply grieved!*

What an incredible contrast!

The crowds were filled with  
excitement and emotion... but Jesus?  
He had more serious things on His  
mind, grieving over the stubborn and  
unrepentant hearts of these crowds  
of people who had encountered the  
Messiah and yet rejected Him, even

claiming that they were looking for  
Him and even worshipping Him!

He was weeping for the people who  
had seen His miracles, heard His  
preaching; ate the food He multiplied  
to feed them "plenty", healed by Him  
...but with all of that, had *missed the  
message!*

The Lord Jesus, *surrounded by*  
praise, adoration and popular honour...  
yet weeping for their lostness!

Even so, today, really how much of all  
the sound of adoration is actually in  
tune with what the Lord Jesus Christ  
is seeing and feeling about His people;  
those for whom He is truly  
concerned?

The *sound* may often be more  
*commotion* than *adoration*; more  
*applaud* than *worship* and more  
*sensual* than *sacred*.

Where went the true and quiet heart  
of *humble adoration, the quiet,  
contemplative thought* so often  
replaced by *sounds of jubilation?*

The Lord Jesus is the Son of God and  
God is Spirit says Jesus ... those "who  
worship (God, should) worship Him in  
Spirit and in Truth."