

# When The Cheering Stopped

## Luke 19:28-44

**In the fullness of time the Prince of Peace came to lead his people to freedom, but they weren't prepared to follow.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ can sweep us up and carry us forward, but it can never take the place of a life that is changed from the inside out.

(These seedlings are) *“like those who hear God’s teaching and accept it gladly, but they don’t allow the teaching to go deep into their lives. They believe for a while, but when trouble comes, they give up.”* Luke 8:13 (NCV)

2. **You have to be clear on what you are** \_\_\_\_\_.

*“As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”* (Isaiah 55:9)

*“If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes.”* (Luke 19:42)

3. **The Chosen One has come to take what** \_\_\_\_\_, **and his claim is extended to you.**

*Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.”* 1 Corinthians 13:12

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1. Our culture appears to have an insatiable thirst for “the next exciting thing.” Where do you see this being played out in the media, in politics and even in the church?

2. As you look back upon your faith journey, what have been the most consistent elements in deepening your spiritual roots? Consider how the soil is prepared for seed.

3. In what ways do you see our permissive and materialistic northern California culture influencing and even at times blinding us to God’s real purpose and plan? Or to ask the question in a slightly different way: In what specific areas are we most tempted to blend the values of culture with the values of Christ?

4. What are you looking for from God?