A Confusing Celebration

Luke 19:28-44

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Not recognizing Jesus as the King has eternally devastating consequences

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5 days later...

Luke 23:13-23

¹³ Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, ¹⁴ and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. And after examining him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against him. ¹⁵ Neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by him. ¹⁶ I will therefore punish and release him." 18 But they all cried out together, "Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas" — ¹⁹ a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder.

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²⁰ Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, ²¹ but they kept shouting, "<u>Crucify, crucify him</u>!" ²² A third time he said to them, "Why? What evil has he done? I have found in him no guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release him." ²³ But <u>they were urgent</u>, <u>demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified</u>. And their voices prevailed.

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