

““How I wish today that you of all people would understand the way to peace. But now it is too late, and peace is hidden from your eyes.” Luke 19:42

### [lectio] // LUKE 19:41-44

listen to the text by reading out loud slowly and repeat up to 3x if desired

### [meditatio]

reflect on – what word, words, phrase, or sentence speaks to you from the text, then write them down

What a painful moment as Jesus approached the city he loved and KNEW it was all coming down. He desired that Israel understood, but they missed it. Then Jesus says why... “because you did not recognize it when God visited you.” Jesus cried because God showed up (as promised) and most missed it. The peace that Jesus was talking about would come about through horrible pain and suffering, not just in his own body, but in the entire city and system of religion. All hopes, dreams and aspirations had been focused on the wrong savior. It would not come through the temple, or the priesthood, or the rules that had been tacked onto God’s intent for the law. It would come through a person of peace, the prince of peace, a onetime sacrifice of himself and eventual destruction of the entire religious system that had governed the Jews for centuries. Peace came through Jesus and him alone.

### [oratio]

pray as responding to the words, phrase, sentence that God has stirred within you

Dad,

When I reflect on what makes you cry, I see it clearly in Luke’s writing. Here, it was completely misplaced trust and confidence. It was in a city, a system. It was in a place and not a person. It was in rules and not relationship. And, it was ALL coming down. What hurt more? The misplaced trust or the destruction of everything they loved about religion?

### [contemplatio]

rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root