

When Stones Cry Out

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Luke 19:37-40.

B. When Jesus came down the Mount of Olives to Jerusalem it was a historic moment marked by the prophets.

II. The special hour called for proclamation and praise.

A. Jesus said that if the disciples did not praise then the stones would cry out.

C. There are truths that God wants His children to proclaim because they understand the meaning of these events—they are the ones set apart by God.

D. If the church does not proclaim then those unequipped will begin to proclaim them—the non-Christian will try to explain them but the explanation will be dull and twisted.

1. This will negatively affect humanity.

2. It is the church's responsibility.

3. The church at large has not properly spoken to these ends though.

III. God's desire is for the church to proclaim His works in all areas.

A. Sex.

1. The church has neglected teaching on this subject.

2. We see the world lurching from side to side on this because the church has not proclaimed God's work in this area.

B. The work of Satan.

1. We need to explain why anarchy and evil rulers rise up.

2. People fall into the occult or over-intellectualize without an adequate explanation.

C. Nature.

1. We see the destruction of nature and the worship of nature.

2. The church has been almost totally silent about nature according to the Bible and how it reflects the spiritual realm. (Job 38-39)

D. Authority.

1. The nation and the state are made the supreme thing.

2. The gospel and patriotism are different.

E. Spiritual gifts.

F. The New Covenant.

1. This is a new relationship where dedication is not the primary call.

2. This is the understanding that God Himself is ready to work through us—the power to work comes through Him.

G. The church is the pillar and ground of the truth.

Application questions:

1. How have you failed to proclaim God's work in the past? What can you learn from this experience?

2. What other areas has the church failed to proclaim God's word in that society has warped?

3. Which of these neglected areas of proclamation affects you the most in your setting? Explain.
