

As we enter Holy Week, I believe the Holy Spirit is asking us three questions, and offering some answers based on Jesus' weeping over Jerusalem. (Luke 19:41-44)

1. What difference does it make that the Kingdom of God is here and now?

- It effects our purpose and our priorities.
- We see the urgency of the day.
- We start orienting our time and our energy to God things. Our own church, our homes, our very lives become a house of prayer.

2. What difference does it make when we know the things that make for peace?

- It effects our attitudes and our choices.
- We offer mercy to those who need it.
- We have a calmness in situations that would be anxiety producing.
- We have lasting, joy, not dependent on circumstances. – We help people who need justice.

3. What difference does it make when we know the time of our visitation from God?

- We become incredibly grateful.
- We look for signs of God's presence and activity.
- We shout "hosanna, whenever we find them!"