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# **Hope Rejected**

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#### Luke 19:35-40

35 Then they led the donkey to Jesus. They put some of their clothes on its back and helped Jesus get on. 36 And as he rode along, the people spread clothes on the road+ in front of him. 37 When Jesus started down the Mount of Olives, his large crowd of disciples were happy and praised God because of all the miracles they had seen. 38 They shouted,

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory to God."

39 Some Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, make your disciples stop shouting!"

40 But Jesus answered, "If they keep quiet, these stones will start shouting."

#### Matthew 5:21-7:29

...28 And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, 29 for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.

### Matthew 23:27-28

27 "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of the bones of the dead and everything unclean. 28 In the same way, on the outside you appear to people as righteous but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness.

Are you rejecting the hope God has for you because it means moving from where you are comfortable?

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# Matthew 26:14-16

14 Then Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve disciples, went to the leading priests 15 and asked, "How much will you pay me to betray Jesus to you?" And they gave him thirty pieces of silver. 16 From that time on, Judas began looking for an opportunity to betray Jesus.

Is your timing different from God's and it is causing you to reject what He wants to do?

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## Matthew 16:21-23

...I will be killed, but three days later I will rise to life." 22 Peter took Jesus aside and told him to stop talking like that. He said, "God would never let this happen to you, Lord!" 23 Jesus turned to Peter and said, "Satan, get away from me! You're in my way because you think like everyone else and not like God."

#### John 18:10-11

10Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) 11So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?"

### John 18:15-27

... 26 One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" 27 Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed.

Hope doesn't always look the way we want it to; are you willing to forfeit your plans for His?

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# Acts 9:26

26 And when he had come to Jerusalem, he attempted to join the disciples. And they were all afraid of him, for they did not believe that he was a disciple.

# **Galatians 4:19-21**

19 My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you, 20 how I wish I could be with you now and change my tone, because I am perplexed about you! 21 Tell me, you who want to be under the law, are you not aware of what the law says?

Have you been hurt by the people in the Church, and it caused you to reject the hope found in Christ?

Today I am willing to accept the challenge, that I will not be the hurt that causes others to reject Christ!