

Thursday, April 21
Sunday, April 24

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And He was passing through from one city and village to another, teaching, and proceeding on His way to Jerusalem. ²³And someone said to Him, "Lord, are there just a few who are being saved?" And He said to the, ²⁴"Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. ²⁵Once the head of the house gets up and shuts the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock on the door, saying, 'Lord, open up to us!' then He will answer and say to you. 'I do not know where you are from.' ²⁶Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets': ²⁷and He will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you are from; DEPART FROM ME, ALL YOU EVILDOERS.' ²⁸In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you use Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but yourselves being thrown out. ²⁹And they will come from east and west and from north and south, and will recline *at the table* in the kingdom of God. ³⁰And behold, *some* are last who will be first and *some* are first who will be last." ³¹Just at that time some Pharisees approached, saying to Him, "Go away, leave here, for Herod wants to kill You." ³²And He said to them, "Go and tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third *day* I reach My goal.' ³³Nevertheless I must journey on today and tomorrow and the next day; for it cannot be that a prophet would perish outside of Jerusalem. ³⁴O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, *the city* that kills the prophets and stones those sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, just as a hen *gathers* her brood under her wings, and you would not *have it!* ³⁵Behold, your house is left to you *desolate*; and I say to you, you will not see Me until *the time* comes when you say, 'BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!'"

SO WHAT?!

#1. Choosing Jesus may be agony!

#2. Choosing Jesus may make enemies!

#3. Choosing Jesus can be too late!

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GROUP DISCUSSION

Jesus the Philosopher: Answers for Life

Luke 13:22-35, April 21 & 24, 2022

Prayer Requests:

Group Discussion: What's something you've accomplished that was a lot of work, either athletically, educationally, occupationally or even around the house.

Read out loud: Luke 13:22-35,

Jesus makes it clear in 13:22-30 that your ethnic background or family heritage won't get you into heaven. It's only through an individual relationship with Jesus through faith. When did you really understand that you had to have faith in Jesus to have eternal life?

#1. Choosing Jesus may be agony! Was putting your faith in Jesus an easy or natural thing to do or did it take time and stress? In vs. 25-27 Jesus says the head of the house will say to those locked out, "I do not know where you are from." Yet they are Israelites who descended from Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, so Jesus does know where they are from! Jesus is saying being an Israelite doesn't matter unless they put their faith in Jesus personally in the same way their ancestors did. Do you have an ancestor that was a good example of being a Jesus follower?

#2. Choosing Jesus may make enemies! In vs. 33, Jesus says that He must perish inside of Jerusalem because those in Israel who made strong stands of faith didn't make friends in the leadership of Jerusalem. When we look through the Old Testament we find stories of Kings who worshipped other gods and put God's prophets to death. Do you find today that non-followers of Jesus have as much respect for strong followers of Jesus as they do for great athletes or highly successful people? Have you ever had to work through a stressful relationship with someone because of your faith in Christ?

#3. Choosing Jesus can be too late! In vs. 35 Jesus says ultimately every person will say "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" Paul says the same thing in Phil. 2:10, "...at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those who are in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth." Every person will ultimately recognize that Jesus is the God of the Universe! Do you pray for people to come to know Jesus? Have you ever personally led someone to faith in Jesus or been an influence in someone's life? Who are you praying for to come to faith? Do you use your Oikos card to pray for people?

Family Time: Read Luke 13:24 & 25 to your kids. Use 2 rooms in your house, (the kitchen would be great if it works) with a door between them to illustrate what Jesus says. Emphasize that God wants them to be in His room with them so that they can have a party with lots of great food and dessert!