

## THE KING'S BUSINESS | LUKE 19:1-27 | PASTOR MARK BOFILL | 6/28/2026

I. Sought by the King (1-5) | II. Saved by the King (6-10) | III. Stewardship for the King (11-27)

**INTRO: What are you living for?** Your answer to that question determines the direction, priorities, and purpose of your life. → In Luke 19:1-27, **there is NO QUESTION what Jesus was living for!** – Ever since (Luke 9:51), Jesus **"steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem."** – Every step of His journey has revealed His Heart for the Father's kingdom and **THE KING'S BUSINESS** He came to accomplish.

**I. SOUGHT BY THE KING (19:1-5)** – **READ:** Jericho was about 12 miles NE of Jerusalem. – As *Jesus passed through (1)*, He was attentive to encounter **Zacchaeus**, whose name means *Innocent* or *Pure (2a)*. – Before Zacchaeus ever found Jesus, Jesus was already seeking Zacchaeus! – **The first business of the King is reaching those who are far from Him.** *(It took 24 years of prodigal living before I sought the King!)*

**A. A Searching Man (2-3a):** *Zacchaeus was curious about Christ "And he sought to see who Jesus was."*

- Zacchaeus was a **chief tax collector** and a **wealthy man (2)** – He had success, influence, and wealth, but something was **Still Missing!** *(Behind the riches was a heart that was empty and searching).*
- His **desire to see Jesus** reveals that there was a spiritual hunger beneath his outward success. – **(Matt 5:6) "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled."**

**P/A:** Many people spend their lives searching for satisfaction in money, achievement, relationships, or recognition. → **But only Christ can satisfy the deepest need of the soul!** *(Don't let the crowd get in the way!)*

**B. A Small-Statured Man (3b-4):** *Zacchaeus was limited physically but determined spiritually!* –

1. Zacchaeus was not just a short man trying to see Jesus; **he was a Sinner trying to find meaning!**
  - Zacchaeus was **despised by his community** because **he was a tax collector who worked with Rome** and often took advantage of his own people. *(His identity was Despised, Hated, Rejected, etc.)*
2. Hearing of Jesus passing through Jericho... **Zacchaeus RAN** ahead and **CLIMBED** up a sycamore tree. → **Being an affluent man in his day**, this would be considered as **Undignified** or even **Childish!** *(e.g., 18:16-17).*
  - But Zacchaeus would not allow his limitations, reputation, or circumstances keep him from seeing Jesus... **his desperation for Jesus** helped him overcome his obstacles. – **(Matt 6:33) "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."**

**P/A:** What obstacles keep YOU from coming to Christ? Pride? Fear? Past failures? **The King** is worth seeking regardless of the barriers. *(We should be willing to humble ourselves even in the light of public opinion!)*

**C. A Sovereign Knowledge of the King (5):** *Jesus knew Zacchaeus before Zacchaeus knew Jesus!*

1. Jesus did not accidentally pass by that tree! **The King had a divine appointment with a lost sinner!**
2. Jesus called Zacchaeus **By NAME** because salvation begins with God's initiative. → **(John 15:16) "You did not choose Me, but I chose you..."**

**P/A:** **No one is invisible to God!** No one is beyond His reach... **The King still seeks the lost today!**

**SEGUE:** **The truth of the gospel is that the King's Search for Sinners is so that He could save them!** – The King never climbed a tree for Himself but **Sacrificially**, He was lifted up a cross for Us!

**II. SAVED BY THE KING (19:6-10)** – **READ:** This is the only record of Jesus inviting himself to a person's home. – However, there is *one other famous passage* of Jesus asking to come in: **(Rev 3:20)** *"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me."* – One **MUST** open the door!

**A. A Welcoming Sinner (6-7):** *Because Zacchaeus was prepared, "he joyfully received Him"* (6). – In ancient **Middle Eastern culture**, inviting oneself over was highly unusual and a **sign of ultimate intimacy**, (i.e., *breaking bread together*) – On many occasions, **Jesus intentionally chose the home of a social outcast to show that salvation is available to everyone:** (Luke 5:29-32; 7:36-50; 15:1-2)

- *The Crowds complained* (7) – **They didn't get it!** → Their pride kept them from seeing what good reason Jesus could have for visiting such a known sinner. (*Spiritual Blindness is revealed here!*)
- *They Rejected Zacchaeus*, but Jesus **WELCOMED HIM!** → Once again, Salvation begins when a person receives Christ personally. **(John 1:12)** *"But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God."* - P/A: Knowing Of or About Jesus is not enough!

**B. A Repentant Sinner (8):** *When Zacchaeus received Jesus, something happened internally... spiritually!* – As accusations spewed out, **Zacchaeus demonstrated GENUINE REPENTANCE** when responding to Jesus... *"Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor..."* He even volunteered a four-fold restitution if he had cheated anybody wrongly!

- **Zacchaeus' actions revealed the fruit of salvation before he ever knew that he was saved!** – **His internal transformation became visible externally!** → This is consistent with what John the Baptist preaches in **(Matt 3:8)** *Therefore, bear fruits worthy of repentance."*

**P/A:** A Changed Heart produces a Changed Life! – True salvation affects our priorities, possessions, and practices. This is why it was so easy for him to surrender all! *As a result, Jesus confirms that he was...*

**C. A Restored Sinner (9-10):** *Jesus Identified the genuine salvation in Zacchaeus, "Today salvation has come to this house."* (9) – Jesus restored Zacchaeus from being an Outcast, to being Recognized as a son of Abraham. (*An indicative title for one who has genuine faith in God!*)

- **The King's Business was Clear (10):** He came *"to seek and to save that which was lost."*

**P/A:** Salvation is not merely forgiveness from the past; it is a new identity and a new direction for the future! → **SEGUE:** When the King "Saves us," **He does not save us to sit idle...** He "Saves us to Serve" His Grace does not remove responsibility—**it creates Kingdom responsibility...**

**III. STEWARDSHIP FOR THE KING (19:11-27)** – **READ:** Because many in attendance **still expected the Kingdom Immediately** (11), Jesus redirected their focus with **the Parable of the Minas** (12), which featured **A Nobleman** who leaves to receive a kingdom and will return. – **The Nobleman** symbolized Jesus, who will One Day return as King over His own Kingdom. *The parable spoke of...*

**A. The Servants' Commission (13):** A "**Mina**" was equal to about three months' wages (*1/60<sup>th</sup> of a talent*). – **Each servant received One Mina and One Clear Command:** **"Do business till I come!"**

1. The Amount wasn't the Focus; THEIR FAITHFULNESS WAS! – (1 Cor 4:2) says, *"Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful."* *Faithful with what? Well...*

2. God has entrusted every believer with something—time, gifts, resources, opportunities, etc. —

**"Only one life, 'twill soon be past; only what's done for Christ will last." — C.T. Studd**

- When comparing the **Parable of the Talents (Matt 25:14-30)** and **the Minas (19:11-27)**, the **Talents** emphasize faithfully using **the Gifts** the Master gives His servants, while **the Minas** emphasize faithfully carrying out the **King's Business** until He returns... *i.e.*, **THE GOSPEL!**
- The Parable then mentions a **Hateful Uprising against the Nobleman (14)** — **These Aggressive Citizens did not want His Rulership over them**, which is indicative of how the Jews would attack Jesus in the very same manner. — Their cry, **"We have no king but Caesar!" (John 19:15).**

**B. The Servants' Stewardship (15-19):** **And so, it was...** the time came for an **Assessment of Return (15)** — *Indicative of when Jesus' returns to earth.* → **At that time, it will be revealed who was faithful to gain "by doing business" (Individual accountability is to be noted!)**

1. **Report of the First (16-17)** — Notice the Return: he GAINED TEN minas from the 1. — **He was considered FAITHFUL** by the Nobleman, and was given **AUTHORITY OVER TEN CITIES!** — Notice also, his humility (v. 16) ... **"YOUR mina has earned..." (NOT, My Power or My wisdom! cf. Jer 9:23-24)**
2. **Report of the Second (18-19)** — Similar to the first, but he GAINED FIVE minas on the 1. — **He was likewise given AUTHORITY OVER FIVE CITIES!** — **NOTICE: The PATTERN... Rewards were based on the diligence of the servant!** → Faithful servants were rewarded with greater responsibility
  - **THE KING'S BUSINESS does not measure success the way the world does!** **Jesus looks for faithfulness!** — Small acts of obedience matter in the kingdom of God because they prepare us for greater things in eternity. (cf. Jer 33:3; Matt 25:21)

**P/A: Only Faithful Stewardship is Rewarded! Not All Servants achieve the same outcome!**

**C. The Servants' Accountability (20-26):** *Though considered a servant...* the Report of the **Third servant** was judged as **"a Wicked Servant,"** because he **Refused to Conduct the King's business!** — **"Master, here is Your mina, which I have kept put away in a handkerchief" (20).**

1. He used his **FEAR** as an excuse! (21) — **His real problem wasn't the Mina**, but his wrong view of the Master—as harsh and demanding. **This fear didn't motivate faith but stopped him from acting.** Over time, his fear led to excuse, then disobedience, which reveal his deeper unbelief!
  - **Even the wrapped mina is symbolic.** It pictures a life that has been **carefully preserved but never truly invested!** He didn't waste what the Master gave him; **he simply Refused to Use It!**

**P/A: Many believers spend their lives trying to stay safe instead of being faithful? — They BURY their opportunities beneath the weight of comfort, busyness, and fear.**

2. **The Nobleman Responds with a Sobering Judgments (22-26):** Because the servant had the wrong kind of fear, He **would be judged by his own mouth (22)** — **His Austerity was Now exhibited ...**
  - **He Gave advice of Simple Diligence (23)** — **"at least he could have... collected interest."**
  - **He Gave his Mina** to the first servant who **GAINED 10 Minas (24-25)**
  - **He Gave the principle of Seeking and Return (26)** **"To him who has, more will be given..." etc.**

**P/A:** This parable teaches us that **DOING NOTHING** with what God has entrusted to us **is not faithfulness—it is failure!** → **One day every believer will stand before Christ...**

- We will not only answer for what we did—we will answer for what we failed to do! → **So then each of us shall give account of himself to God. (Rom 14:12)**

*The parable ends with...*

**D. The Severe Judgment for Rejecting the King (27):** A sobering reminder that **Not Everyone welcomes the King's rule!** → **The Rebellious Citizens (v.14)** who openly **Rejected the Nobleman** and **Refused to have him reign over them...** were to be **SLAIN** before in judgment!

- **Jesus Christ offers Hope and Reward** for those who receive the King, but to those who Reject Him **judgment!** → **The choice must be made today**, because when the King returns, the opportunity to respond will have passed.

**FINAL CHALLENGES:** The question today is not whether Jesus is coming back... **He is!** – The question is: When the King returns (Rapture or 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming), will He find His Stewards faithful?

**The KING has given us ONE assignment: “Do business till I come.” (Luke 19:13)**

- Seek the lost... Share the gospel... Build up His people! → Use your time, your gifts, your resources—**Not for your own kingdom, but for His!**

### **WHATS YOUR RESPONSE?**

- If you've NEVER Welcomed Him like Zacchaeus did... **“Today salvation has come to this house.”** → **Receive Him**—personally, joyfully, as Lord and Savior!
- If you're a BELIEVER and you REALIZE you've buried your mina—out of fear, distraction, or comfort—Today is Not about Condemnation... **It's an Invitation to bring that mina back to the King and say:**

**“Lord, here I am... Use my life for Your business... Help me be faithful until You come!”**