

Lesson 19

CHAPTER 19, A PASSION FOR THE KING AND THE KINGDOM

Last week we saw how we must all come to Jesus as little children. In Chapter 19, we see this same idea played out in an adult named Zacchaeus. Jericho is on the way to Jerusalem where a divine appointment is planned, but time is running out. The clock is ticking as Jesus approaches Jerusalem and the cross. All must make a choice.

1. Read Luke 19:1-10. I love this story. What do you notice about Zacchaeus and his passion to see Jesus? Why do you think he wanted so desperately to see Jesus for himself? What do you notice about the response of Jesus upon seeing Zacchaeus? Relate this story to Jeremiah 29:11-13 and John 10:3b.

2. Read Luke 19:11-27. Compare this to Matthew 25:14-30. Both parables are for believers. What do you notice about the number of talents (money) given in Matthew and the number of minas (money) given in the Luke passage? What do you think the talents represent? What do you think the minas represent?

3. Why was the wicked servant guilty and the others were not? Compare this to 1 Corinthians 3:10-15.

4. What is the attitude of the group of people in verses 14 and 27? Who do you think these subjects represent in the time of Jesus? How does verse 27 relate to verses 41-44? What does this tell you about the heart of God towards those who reject his Son?

5. What is the rest of Luke 19 about? What details do you notice about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem? How does this compare to Revelation 19:11-16?

APPLICATION: Do you have the passion to reach out and “see” Jesus as Zacchaeus did? Who can you invite to dinner with Jesus as Zacchaeus did?

PRAYER: Holy Father, we are each given equal opportunity to proclaim Jesus to a world in need of his mercy and grace. May we not shirk from any opportunity given to us. May we “be wise in the way we act towards outsiders; making the most of every opportunity” (Colossians 4:5). Thank you, Father, that you desire to involve all your children in growing your kingdom. It is to your glory and our spiritual development that you do this. Give us the passion to see Jesus and share him with all those we encounter. We pray this in the name of our Savior, Jesus. Amen.