

YES  
NO  
MAYBE

^| Does Jesus' Second Coming feel more imminent now, or did it feel closer when you were younger? Why?

READ Luke 19:11-26

î Why did Jesus tell this parable? What was his motivation, and what was the contextual setting?

~| A noble man went to receive his kingship:

° This story was very familiar to the listeners - Herod (40 BC), and Archelaus (4 BC)

~| Mina (μνάς) - 100 days wages, or approximately three months wages.

° Pragmaúsasthe (πραγματεύσασθε) - Ten servants are instructed to conduct business.

^ What have you been told that the "noble man" wants the 10 men to do?

~| The citizen's response - (v.14) "But his subjects hated him and sent a delegation after him to say, "We don't want this \_\_\_\_\_ to be our king.""

~| "How much business have you transacted?" (διεπραγματεύσαντο) diepragmateúsanto.

^ What does the noble man REALLY want to know?

~| The Reward (πιστὸς) faithful or successful?

^ What characteristic of the servants is rewarded? Is it their faithfulness or their level of capital success?

^ What is their reward? What does this mean?

1 I'm more excited about Jesus' Second Coming than the person sitting next to me.

2 Jesus is coming within my lifetime.

3 Jesus is coming within the next ten years.

4 Jesus is coming this year.

5 Jesus would prefer that we lose what he has given us, rather than for us to live risky lives.

## ^| THE THIRD SERVANT

î First of all, this is the last servant mentioned, but he is only the third. Where are servants #4-10? Why have they disappeared from the story?

î What is the third servant's greatest fear?

ǎ I hid your mina (σουδάριον) soudarion - scarf/head-cloth

ǎ The third servant's greatest compliment to the noble man - "I see you as a thief."

ǎ The noble man's response - "You knew me [experienced me] as a hard man...So you get to create your master's character."

î According to this Kingdom Tale, what is God's greatest desire of his followers?

1 How willing am I to risk my own reputation for God's kingdom?

2 As my responsibilities are increased, how can I not become overstressed?

3 What do I understand more clearly about Your character, now that I've looked at this Kingdom Tale?

MY  
PRAYER

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# NOTES