

**Session 20: Continued Opposition by Authorities to Jesus Teaching and Ministry**

**Luke 13:22-15:32**

**The Narrow Door**

<b>Matthew 7:13-14, 22-23; 8:11-12; 19:30</b>	<b>Luke 13:22-30</b>
<p><b>13</b>“Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it.  <b>14</b>“For the gate is narrow and the way is constricted that leads to life, and there are few who find it.  <b>Matthew 25:10-12</b>  <b>10</b>“And while they were going away to make the purchase, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding feast; and the door was shut. <b>11</b>“And later the other virgins also came, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open up for us.’  <b>12</b>“But he answered and said, ‘Truly I say to you, I do not know you.’  <b>Matthew 7:22-23</b>  <b>22</b> “Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, in Your name did we not prophesy, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name do many miracles?’  <b>23</b>“And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.’  <b>Matthew 8:11-12</b>  <b>11</b> “And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and recline at the table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven;</p>	<p><b>22</b> And He was passing through from one city and village to another, teaching, and proceeding on His way to Jerusalem.  <b>23</b> And someone said to Him, “Lord, are there just a few who are being saved?” And He said to them,  <b>24</b> “Strive to enter through the narrow door, for many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able.  <b>25</b> “Once 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.’  <b>26</b> “Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets.’  <b>27</b> And He will say, ‘I tell you; I do not know where you are from; DEPART FROM ME, ALL YOU WORKERS OF UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.’  <b>28</b> “In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but yourselves being cast out.  <b>29</b> “And they will come from east and west and from north and south and will recline at the table in the kingdom of God.</p>

<p><b>12</b> <i>but the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”</i></p> <p><b>Matthew 19:30; 20:16</b></p> <p><b>30</b> <i>“But many who are first will be last; and the last, first.</i></p>	<p><b>30</b> <i>“And behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last.”</i></p>
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**Teaching In Perea/Warned Against Herod (Luke 13:22-35)**

**Lament over Jerusalem**

<b>Matthew 23:37-39</b>	<b>Luke 13:31-35</b>
<p><b>37</b> <i>“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you did not want it.</i></p> <p><b>38</b> <i>“Behold, your house is being left to you desolate! <b>39</b>“For I say to you, from now on you will not see Me until you say, ‘BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!’”</i></p>	<p><b>31</b> <i>Just at that time some Pharisees approached, saying to Him, “Leave and go from here, for Herod wants to kill You.”</i></p> <p><b>32</b> <i>And He said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish.’</i></p> <p><b>33</b> <i>“Nevertheless I must journey on today and tomorrow and the next day, for it is not possible that a prophet would perish outside of Jerusalem.</i></p> <p><b>34</b> <i>“O 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 did not want it!</i></p> <p><b>35</b> <i>“Behold, 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!’”</i></p>

**Jesus Dines with a Pharisee and Heals on the Sabbath (Luke 14:1-5)**

- 1 *And it happened that when He went into the house of one of the leaders of the Pharisees on the Sabbath to eat bread, they were watching Him closely.*
- 2 *And behold, in front of Him was a man suffering from dropsy.*
- 3 *And Jesus answered and spoke to the scholars of the Law and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?"*
- 4 *But they were silent. And He took hold of him, healed him, and sent him away.*
- 5 *And He said to them, "Which one of you will have a son or an ox fall into a well, and will not immediately pull him out on a Sabbath day?"*
- 6 *And they could make no reply to this.*

**The Parable of the Wedding Guests Seeking Seats of Honor (Luke 14:7-14)**

- 7 *And He was telling a parable to the invited guests when He noticed how they were picking out the places of honor at the table, saying to them,*
- 8 *"When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not recline at the place of honor, lest someone more highly regarded than you be invited by him,*
- 9 *and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this man,' and then in shame you proceed to occupy the last place.*
- 10 *"But when you are invited, go, and recline at the last place, so that when the one who has invited you comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will have honor in the sight of all who recline at the table with you.*
- 11 *"For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."*
- 12 *And He also went on to say to the one who had invited Him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and that will be your repayment.*
- 13 *"But when you give a reception, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind,*
- 14 *and you will be blessed, since they do not have the means to repay you; for it will be repaid to you at the resurrection of the righteous."*

**The Parable of the Great Banquet**

<b>Matthew 22:1-14</b>	<b>Luke 14:15-24</b>
1 <i>And Jesus answered and spoke to them again in parables, saying</i>	15 <i>But when one of those who were reclining at the table with Him heard this, he said to Him,</i>

**2** *"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son.*

**3** *"And he sent out his slaves to call those who had been called to the wedding feast, and they were unwilling to come.*

**4** *"Again he sent out other slaves saying, 'Tell those who have been called, "Behold, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and my fattened livestock are all butchered and everything is ready; come to the wedding feast."'*

**5** *"But they paid no attention and went their way, one to his own farm, another to his business,*

**6** *and the rest seized his slaves and mistreated them and killed them.*

**7** *"But the king was enraged, and he sent his armies and destroyed those murderers and set their city on fire.*

**8** *"Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were called were not worthy.*

**9** *'Go therefore to the main highways, and as many as you find there, call to the wedding feast.'*

**10** *"And those slaves went out into the streets and gathered together all they found, both evil and good; and the wedding hall was filled with dinner guests.*

**11** *"But when the king came in to look over the dinner guests, he saw a man there who was not dressed in wedding clothes,*

**12** *and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without wedding clothes?' And the man was speechless.*

**13** *"Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.*

*"Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!"*

**16** *And He said to him, "A man was giving a big dinner, and he invited many.*

**17** *"And at the dinner hour he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is ready now.'*

**18** *"But they all alike began to make excuses. The first one said to him, 'I have bought a piece of land and I need to go out and look at it. I ask you, consider me excused.'*

**19** *"And another one said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out. I ask you, consider me excused.'*

**20** *"And another one said, 'I have married a wife, and for that reason I cannot come.'*

**21** *"And when the slave came back, he reported these things to his master. Then the head of the household became angry and said to his slave, 'Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the city and bring in here the poor and crippled and blind and lame.'*

**22** *"And the slave said, 'Master, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.'*

**23** *"And the master said to the slave, 'Go out into the highways and along the fences, and compel them to come in, so that my house may be filled.*

<p><b>14</b> <i>“For many are called, but few are chosen.”</i></p>	<p><b>24</b> <i>‘For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste of my dinner.’”</i></p>
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**The Cost of Discipleship**

<p><b>Matthew 10;16</b></p>	<p><b>Mark 8</b></p>	<p><b>Luke 14</b></p>
<p><b>37</b> “He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.  <b>38</b> “And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.  <b>39</b>“He who has found his life will lose it, and he who has lost his life for My sake will find it.</p> <p><b>Matthew 16:24-25</b>                      (cf. Mt 10:38)  <b>24</b> Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me”  <b>25</b>“For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.”</p>	<p><b>34</b> And He summoned the crowd with His disciples, and said to them, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me.  <b>35</b>“For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it.</p>	<p><b>25</b> Now many crowds were going along with Him, and He turned and said to them,  <b>26</b> “If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple.  <b>27</b> “Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.”</p> <p><b>Luke 17:33</b> (cf. Luke 9:23-24)  <b>33</b>“Whoever seeks to keep his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it.</p>

**Counting the Cost of Discipleship (Luke 14:28-33)**

- 28 *“For which one of you, when he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if he has enough to complete it?*
- 29 *“Lest, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who observe it begin to ridicule him,*
- 30 *saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’*
- 31 *“Or what king, when he sets out to meet another king in battle, will not first sit down and consider whether he is strong enough with ten thousand men to encounter the one coming against him with twenty thousand?*
- 32 *“Or else, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace.*
- 33 *“So then, none of you can be My disciple who does not give up all his own possessions.*

**Parable About Salt**

Matthew 5	Mark 9	Luke 14
<p><b>13</b> <i>“You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how will it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out to be trampled under foot by men.</i></p>	<p><b>50</b> <i>“Salt is good; but if the salt becomes unsalty, with what will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.</i></p>	<p><b>34</b> <i>“Therefore, salt is good, but if even salt has become tasteless, with what will it be seasoned?</i>  <b>35</b> <i>“It is useless either for the soil or for the manure pile; it is thrown out. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”</i></p>

**The Parable of the Lost Sheep Sinners**

Matthew 18:10-14	Luke 15:1-7
<p><b>10</b> <i>“See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven continually see the face of My Father who is in heaven.</i>  <b>11</b> <i>["For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost.]</i>  <b>12</b> <i>“What do you think? If any man has one hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the</i></p>	<p><b>1</b> <i>Now all the tax collectors and the sinners were coming near Him to listen to Him.</i>  <b>2</b> <i>And both the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”</i>  <b>3</b> <i>So He told them this parable, saying,</i>  <b>4</b> <i>“What man among you, if he has one hundred sheep and has lost one of them,</i></p>

<p><i>ninety-nine on the mountains and go and search for the one that is straying?</i></p> <p><b>13</b> <i>“And if it turns out that he finds it, truly I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine which have not gone astray.</i></p> <p><b>14</b> <i>“In this way, it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones.”</i></p>	<p><i>does not leave the ninety-nine in the open pasture and go after the one which is lost until he finds it?</i></p> <p><b>5</b> <i>“And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing.</i></p> <p><b>6</b> <i>“And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!’</i></p> <p><b>7</b> <i>“I tell you that in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance</i></p>
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### **The Parable of the Lost Coin**

- 8** *“Or what woman, if she has ten drachmas and loses one drachma, does not light a lamp, and sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it?*
- 9** *“And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the drachma which I had lost!’*
- 10** *“In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”*

### **The Parable of the Prodigal Son**

- 11** *And He said, “A man had two sons.*
- 12** *“And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the estate that falls to me.’ So, he divided his wealth between them.*
- 13** *“And not many days later, the younger son gathered everything together and went on a journey into a distant country, and there he squandered his estate living recklessly.*
- 14** *“Now when he had spent everything, a severe famine occurred in that country, and he began to be impoverished.*
- 15** *“So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.*
- 16** *“And he was desiring to be fed with the pods that the swine were eating, and no one was giving anything to him.*
- 17** *“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired men have more than enough bread, but I am dying here with hunger!’*

- 18 *'I will rise up and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before you.*
- 19 *"I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me as one of your hired men."*
- 20 *"So he rose up and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.*
- 21 *"And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'*
- 22 *"But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet,*
- 23 *and bring the fattened calf, slaughter it, and let us eat and celebrate,*
- 24 *for this son of mine was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'* And they began to celebrate.
- 25 *"Now his older son was in the field, and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing.*
- 26 *"And summoning one of the servants, he began inquiring what these things could be.*
- 27 *"And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has received him back safe and sound.'*
- 28 *"But he became angry and was not wanting to go in, and his father came out and began pleading with him.*
- 29 *"But he answered and said to his father, 'Look! For so many years I have been serving you and never have I neglected a command of yours. And yet never have you given me a young goat, so that I might celebrate with my friends.*
- 30 *'But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your wealth with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him.'*
- 31 *"And he said to him, 'Child, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.*
- 32 *'But we had to celebrate and rejoice, for this brother of yours was dead and is alive and was lost and has been found.'"*

**Memory Verse:**

*"For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."*

*Luke 14:11*

**Discussion Questions**