

Lesson 22 – Luke 19:11- 48 Parable of 10 Coins, Entry into Jerusalem, Cleansing of the Temple

This lesson follows the story of Zacchaeus. The first parable in this lesson together with the story of Zacchaeus forms an interesting commentary of the proper use of material wealth. Also, in this lesson, Jesus finally reaches the destination he has been focused on since Luke 9, Jerusalem.

1. Read Luke 19:5-9 and 11-27, and 1 Corinthians 12:4-10 and footnotes.

In Luke 19:5-9 from last week's lesson, how does Zacchaeus respond to Jesus? Zacchaeus' use of his wealth is a sign of his repentance. What is it that he does with his wealth?

Luke 19:5-9 Jesus looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." ⁶ And he came down quickly and received him with joy. ⁷ When they all saw this, they began to grumble, saying, "He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner." ⁸ But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone, I shall repay it four times over." ⁹ And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham.

Luke 19:11-27¹¹ While they were listening to him speak, he proceeded to tell a parable because he was near Jerusalem and they thought that the kingdom of God would appear there immediately. ¹² So he said, "A nobleman went off to a distant country to obtain the kingship for himself and then to return. ¹³ He called ten of his servants and gave them ten gold coins and told them, 'Engage in trade with these until I return.' ¹⁴ His fellow citizens, however, despised him and sent a delegation after him to announce, 'We do not want this man to be our king.' ¹⁵ But when he returned after obtaining the kingship, he had the servants called, to whom he had given the money, to learn what they had gained by trading. ¹⁶ The first came forward and said, 'Sir, your gold coin has earned ten additional ones.' ¹⁷ He replied, 'Well done, good servant! You have been faithful in this very small matter; take charge of ten cities.' ¹⁸ Then the second came and reported, 'Your gold coin, sir, has earned five more.' ¹⁹ And to this servant too he said, 'You, take charge of five cities.' ²⁰ Then the other servant came and said, 'Sir, here is your gold coin; I kept it stored away in a handkerchief, ²¹ for I was afraid of you, because you are a demanding person; you take up what you did not lay down and you harvest what you did not plant.' ²² He said to him, 'With your own words I shall condemn you, you wicked servant. You knew I was a demanding person, taking up what I did not lay down and harvesting what I did not plant; ²³ why did you not put my money in a bank? Then on my return I would have collected it with interest.' ²⁴ And to those standing by he said, 'Take the gold coin from him and give it to the servant who has ten.' ²⁵ But they said to him, 'Sir, he has ten gold coins.' ²⁶ 'I tell you, to everyone who has, more will be given, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ²⁷ Now as for those enemies of mine who did not want me as their king, bring them here and slay them before me.'"

1 Corinthians 12:4-10 There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; ⁵ there are different forms of service but the same Lord; ⁶ there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the expression of wisdom; to another the expression of knowledge according to the same Spirit; ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit; to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit; ¹⁰ to another mighty deeds; to another prophecy; to another discernment of spirits; to another varieties of tongues; to another interpretation of tongues

2. This parable, in Luke 19:11-27, is the last lesson that Jesus gives to the Apostles before reaching Jerusalem. Look at verse 12. If Jesus is the nobleman in this parable, what is he trying to tell the Apostles here about future events?

3. **What is it that the nobleman commands the servants to do and for how long?**

4. **Read 1 Corinthians 12:4-10. What is it that God has given each of us? How are we called to use our gifts?**

5. **What do you think the meaning of Luke 19:26-27 is?**

6. **The citizens are not the servants of the master. Read verses 14 and 27. Who do you think they represent and what happens to them?**

7. **Read Luke 13:35, 19:28-40, and Zechariah 9:9 and footnotes.
How does Jesus enter the city of Jerusalem? Why does he use a colt? See footnotes and Zechariah 9:9.
Why do the Pharisees want Him to silence the crowd?**

Luke 13:35 Behold, your house will be abandoned. [But] I tell you, you will not see me until [the time comes when] you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Luke 19:28-40 ²⁸After he had said this, he proceeded on his journey up to Jerusalem. ²⁹As he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples. ³⁰He said, "Go into the village opposite you, and as you enter it you will find a colt tethered on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹And if anyone should ask you, 'Why are you untying it?' you will answer, 'The Master has need of it.'" ³²So those who had been sent went off and found everything just as he had told them. ³³And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying this colt?" ³⁴They answered, "The Master has need of it." ³⁵So they brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks over the colt, and helped Jesus to mount. ³⁶As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road; ³⁷and now as he was approaching the slope of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen. ³⁸They proclaimed: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord Peace in heaven and glory in the highest."³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." ⁴⁰He said in reply, "I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out!"

Zechariah 9:9 Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

8. **Read Luke 19:41-44 and footnotes. What is Jesus lamenting in verses 41-44?**

9. **Read Luke 19:45-48 and footnotes. Jesus is objecting to the corruption of the sacred space and purpose of the Temple. Why was this "cleansing" of the Temple necessary *before* he begins teaching there? Could this "cleansing of the Temple be the "last straw" for the priests?**

Luke 19:45-48 ⁴⁵Then Jesus entered the temple area and proceeded to drive out those who were selling things, ⁴⁶saying to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be a house of prayer, but you have made it a den of thieves.'" ⁴⁷And every day he was teaching in the temple area. The chief priests, the scribes, and the leaders of the people, meanwhile, were seeking to put him to death, ⁴⁸but they could find no way to accomplish their purpose because all the people were hanging on his words.