

## LUKE COMMENTARY

### Chapter 19:

vs. 1-10 Jericho was about 6 hours from Jerusalem and was populated highly with priests. In spite of all these "righteous" people Jesus chose another Jew by the name of Zacchaeus to dine with. He was a tax collector and would have been considered the same as a prostitute (being a terrible person). Jesus here showed that He had come not only to the righteous but even to the chief of sinners.

vs. 11-27 The owner of the land would have been in a position similar to the lords of England. Just as they owned land and all those living on that land were under their jurisdiction; so was this man. He entrusted his servants with a portion of his wealth. Some were faithful and used it wisely, one did nothing. We see that some of his subjects had even tried to undermine his rule even before he began. We see on his return; everyone received their just rewards.

Just as Jesus had entrusted His disciples with His kingdom so had this landowner. As the man rewarded and punished so will Jesus on His return in power and might.

vs. 28-44 It was prophesied in Zechariah 9:9 that the Messiah would ride on a colt and Jesus here fulfills that prophecy. The people were shouting praises to God because they thought that the Messiah had come (and He had); and He would deliver them from the oppression of Rome.

Jesus mourned for the people of Jerusalem because they had failed to accept Him and that they would be destroyed in a few years. He prophesied the Roman destruction of 70 A.D.

vs. 45-48 Jesus had previously cleansed the temple at the beginning of His ministry (John 2:13-22). At that stage it was a warning to the people that they needed to clean up their act. Here, Jesus has come not to warn, but to judge. The religious leaders continued in their plotting to kill Him because of His condemnation of their actions.



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- vs. 1-8      The leaders had apparently regrouped and had devised a plan to trap Jesus. They questioned His authority. The people would allow this as each teacher always referred to past writings or teachers as evidence of the truth of their teachings. Jesus answers their question subtly; implying that as John was from God, so was His authority. He then puts the leaders on the spot by turning the tables and they are not able to answer Him.
- vs. 9-19      The parable here refers to the responsibility that God had entrusted the Jewish nation, particularly the religious leaders with of being examples that other nations might come to a knowledge of Him. Just as the tenants in the parable put to death the messengers and finally the Son so had the Jews by putting to death the prophets of God and finally Jesus Christ. Jesus then states that they will be judged for their actions.
- vs. 20-26      The question was put to Jesus so He would either alienate some of His followers or get in trouble with Rome. Many Jews felt that paying taxes to Rome was disloyalty to God. Jesus in a clear and easily understood explanation explains each citizens duty.
- vs. 27-40      According to Jewish law and custom such a situation could have taken place. By presenting such a case, if it worked, would not only silence Jesus but also their counterparts the Pharisees.  
Jesus explains that they are unaware of the power of God. He will not simply re-create the world and people as we know them; He will renovate and make new. We will only know what it will be like when Jesus returns and we can see for ourselves.
- vs. 41-47      Jesus shows His wisdom is greater than the religious leaders by citing another case. He asks them how a descendant of David would be so highly regarded as to be called Lord by the King of Israel (David's position at time of writing of the psalm). For them, they thought the Messiah would be an ordinary person and did not realize that He would not only be the Messiah but also the Son of God.



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vs. 1-4 This incident is used to demonstrate that it is not the amount that you give but your attitude in giving. This woman showed her complete reliance on God to provide for her needs and was willing to give to Him, even all that she had to live on. We should give cheerfully and thankfully to Him who provides for our every need (II Corinthians 9:7).

vs. 5-38 Jesus' disciples are impressed with the beauty of the temple. It is said that its stones were so white that it looked like a snow capped mountain from a distance and that there was so much gold that it actually hurt a beholders eyes when the sun reflected off of it. Jesus announced its destruction and in 70 A.D. it was so destroyed that an observer stated that the sight looked as if it had never been inhabited. The people ask Jesus when this would actually happen. He warns them of physical disasters and persecution. He tells them not to worry but to trust in Him and He will provide for them. The time of the Gentiles being fulfilled refers to the gospel being taken to the non-Jewish nations.

Jesus also states that the signs in the heavens will be such that nobody can help but realize that the end is near and His return is imminent. He tells them that even as they can tell the approach of summer by the signs; so will they be able to tell the approach of the end.

He warns them not to get sidetracked by the temptations of this life but to be on guard. He reminds us of our need to trust in Him and pray.

Jesus not only gave of Himself to the people by teaching; but He gave of Himself to God by spending large amounts of time in prayer.

## LUKE STUDY GUIDE

### Chapter 19:

1. Where did Zacchaeus live and what was his occupation?
2. Why was Zacchaeus up a tree and what did Jesus say to him?
3. Why did Jesus say later that salvation had come to Zacchaeus' house?
4. What did the man of noble birth give to ten of his servants and what did some of his subjects do?
5. What had the servants done with the money?
6. Why did the one servant have his money taken from him and what happened to the masters enemies?
7. Why did Jesus send two of His disciples ahead into the village?
8. What did Jesus do with the colt and how was He received?
9. What prophecy did Jesus speak over the city of Jerusalem?
10. Why did Jesus drive people out of the temple and what did the religious leaders try to do?

### BONUS:

1. How do you know that Zacchaeus had a change of heart after meeting Jesus? How do people change today after accepting Him?
2. What is the meaning of the servant being expected to earn money for their master and the master's enemies being punished?
3. Why do you think that some people are willing to accept Jesus and others reject Him?



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1. Why did the religious leaders not want to answer Jesus' question concerning John's baptism?
2. What happened to the servants sent to the farmers who were renting the vineyard?
3. Why did the tenants want to kill the son of the owner?
4. Why were the religious leaders upset with Jesus over this parable?
5. Why did the religious leaders send spies to Jesus?
6. Why did Jesus say that we should pay taxes to "Caesar"?
7. What question did the Sadducees ask of Jesus concerning marriage?
8. How did Jesus answer the Sadducees?
9. What question does Jesus propose that nobody could answer?
10. Why did Jesus warn the people about the teachers of the Law?

### BONUS:

1. Why do you think that Jesus did not answer the question about the source of His authority?
2. Explain the meaning of the parable of the tenants.
3. Explain what you think verse 38 means.

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1. What did Jesus have to say about those that He noticed putting their gifts into the temple treasury?
2. When Jesus' disciples commented on the beauty of buildings; what did Jesus say?
3. Why must we not be frightened when we hear of wars and revolutions?
4. In verse 11, what disasters does Jesus say will take place?
5. What will happen to those that are arrested and persecuted?
6. Who will betray the followers of Jesus and how will all men feel about them?
7. How were they to know when the desolation was near?
8. At what time will people see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory?
9. What does Jesus warn His followers not to let their hearts be weighed down with?
10. When Jesus tells them to be on the watch; what two things does He tell them to pray for?

### BONUS:

1. What lesson does Jesus teach about giving and how does it relate to Christians in America today?
2. What signs are listed in this chapter that have already begun to take place? What signs have yet to take place?
3. What instructions does Jesus give to His followers concerning the events that are to take place?