

Studies in the Life of Christ

NT Survey Lesson 38--Luke 19

Introduction: As Jesus made his last journey to Jerusalem, he passed through Jericho. It was here that Jesus found Zacheus in the sycamore tree. Luke also reveals Jesus' celebrated entry into Jerusalem, which seems to have been on the first day of the week. Thus began the last week of Jesus' life before his crucifixion.

Lesson aim: To show the fruit of repentance as illustrated in Zacheus' life.

Zacheus is converted--Luke 19:1-10

1. Of what occupation was Zacheus? Was he rich? Does this imply that he had possibly wronged many people to attain his wealth?
2. What did Zacheus do to see Jesus? Why?
3. Why was it remarkable that Jesus stopped and offered to go home with Zacheus?
4. Why were the masses displeased with Jesus' decision?
5. How did Zacheus demonstrate a changed heart? Did this result in his salvation?
6. Why did Jesus call Zacheus a true son of Abraham?
7. What does this story reveal about Jesus?

The parable of the money usage--Luke 19:11-27

1. Jesus told this parable to correct what misconception about the kingdom? How does the parable answer the question, "Is the kingdom going to appear immediately?"
2. Where did the nobleman go? What did he do before leaving?
3. What did he do upon his return? What reward was given to those who had used their master's money well?

4. What did the man with one mina do with his money? Why? How did the master respond to him?
5. What principle is Jesus teaching about stewardship in this parable? What did this parable mean to the disciples? What does it mean to us?
6. What happened to those who refused to respect the authority of the nobleman by rejecting those who he left behind to rule?
7. What spiritual lesson is being taught in this parable about those who reject the authority of Christ's messengers?

The triumphal entry into Jerusalem--Luke 19:28-44

1. How did Jesus demonstrate his omniscience (ability to know all) in the instructions about the colt?
2. Describe the scene as Jesus made his way into Jerusalem.
3. What were the people doing? What were they saying?
4. Why did the Pharisees object? What did they want Jesus to do? What did He say?
5. With what O.T. prophecy was Jesus clearly identifying? Was Jesus' actions a claim to be the Christ?
6. Why did Jesus weep over the city of Jerusalem? What could he foresee?

Jesus cleanses the temple--Luke 19:45-48

1. Was this the first time Jesus found the temple being abused? What did he do this time?
2. Why did Jesus cast the merchants out of the temple?
3. What did the chief priests and scribes and leading men want to do with Jesus? Why were they helpless to do so?