

Luke 19.11-27

“...Engage in Business Until I Come”

Almost There! Destination Jerusalem > IN JERICHO 20 miles Away

9.51 “he set his face go J” One Year 19.28 “he went ahead going up to J”

Jesus shows Power & Truth of Kingdom of God: Heals, Saves, Teaches

Discipleship > Follow – What does it mean to be Follower of King!?

August 1914, Nations of Europe went to WAR > Eventually called WW 1

German Kaiser expected Quick Victory – Told troops in August 1914, “You will be home before the leaves have fallen from the trees”

Russian Officers expected to be in BERLIN within 6 weeks

Czar’s Physician @ ‘should I pack dress uniform’ or Send by Courier?

Jesus’ Disciples sure their Victory would Happen Very Quickly too...

## 1. Kingdom has Now Come

a. **Message** Jesus shown POWER – Surely His Kingdom is HERE!

Jesus Baptized by John, Filled w Spirit: Christ NOT Last Name TITLE

FULL of God’s Spirit / X = Messiah / All Promises of God about HIM

Men/Women/Boys/Girls put TRUST in Him receive Holy Spirit from Him

18.31 Jesus to 12: “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished.

17.21 “the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.”

Jesus’ 1<sup>st</sup> words Gospel of Mark 1.15 “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe the gospel”

Liberation from Rome! Kingdom @ Israel! Knowledge God cover Seas...

Jerusalem will become CAPITAL of the World > God will be LORD

b. **Miracles** – Jericho v. 11 “as they heard these things” Town Woke Up!

18 Chapters Surprises: One thing we EXPECT > Jesus for UNDERDOG

Sees those Unseen: Beggars, Blind, Women, Children, Outcasts

Large Crowd filled Streets of Jericho to See – Jesus: Man of Surprises

Blind Man called Son of DAVID – Receives Mercy and Healing

Rich Oppressor Zac REPENTS – RECEIVES Salvation– RESTITUTION

Ch 5 - Healing of a leper > Never been done before > TOUCHES him!!

Ch 7 – Raising of Widow’s Son @ Nain – restored him to his Mother

Ch 8 – Calms Storm - Winds & Waves cease, Master over Nature

Ch 9 - Feeding 5,000 men + wives, families, miraculously multiplies

By Miracles/Message – Words/Works King Jesus has Come!

## 2. Kingdom is Still Coming

v. 11 As they heard these things, he proceeded to tell a parable, because he was near to Jerusalem, and because they supposed that the kingdom of God was to appear immediately.

N.T. 40 Total Parables > 21- 10 Chs Luke 9-19 / 1/3 Jesus Teaching

Earthly Story w KINGDOM Meaning > Used to Engage > SHOCK

FINAL Parable > Climactic Moment, Journey to Jerusalem > 20 miles

First Verse Tells what Parable is ABOUT before Telling the Parable

v. 11 “Kingdom going to appear at Once” Why Not? Messiah Here!

FINAL Day Here Already > Expect Too Much, Too Soon

Some PREACHERS > Financial: Wealth, Medically: Healing

a. Middle > Jesus still in Jericho / On Street? / Winter Palace Archeleus

v. 12 He said therefore, “A nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and then return.

4 AD Herod Great died killed Bethlehem Babies, Struggle for Successor

HEROD Title: Kings appointed by Rome, King of Jews – Hated half Jews

Herod killed 3 Sons, Archeleus > Rome beg Caesar be Crowned

50 Jews appeared before Caesar, Reject Archelaus Don’t Want him King

A. got ETHNARCHY not Kingdom > Embarrassed & ENRAGED

1<sup>st</sup> PASSOVER of his RULE he SLAUGHTERED 3000 JEWS

Familiar Story – Basis of Jesus Parable – KING who WENT AWAY

Jesus GOOD King > POINT Not Kills People Brutally: Wait for KING!

b. **Message** v. 13 Calling ten of his servants, he gave them ten minas, and said to them, 'Engage in business until I come.

MINA – Greek Coin, Hebrew term for It, 3 months wages, ¼ yr Salary

SAME Amount – Contra: Matthew 25 DIFFERENT Amounts

POINT: Something Every Servant BEEN Given > WORD of GOD

Jesus: "The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things" 24.46

Every Xtian: FAITHFUL COURIER OF THE GOOD DEPOSIT

19.10 L's Theme "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost" 1 Thess 2:13 believers received the word of God...active in them

Romans 10:17 faith comes by hearing the word of Christ

2 Timothy 3.16-17 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

The Kingdom of God is Spiritual in Character

Most Ears 'Spiritual Kingdom' = UNREAL: Fairies, Fairy Tales, Legends

Spiritual – NO Physical Expression – No Flags, Buildings, Armies, People

Kingdom of God = God's TRUTH, Not TERRITORY

God's RULE, Not REALM / God's PEOPLE, Not PLACE

Parable > Messiah will have TWO Comings – Go Away in Between

Live Whole of Christian Life btwn 2 Fixed Dates: Not OUR Birth/Death

Xtian: Resurrection & Return > Justification & Judgment > Now, Not Yet

Kampala: Museveni / Arua: Bandits > Jan 4, 1986: Voice of Uganda

Good Friday: Museveni's Troops entered West Nile, watched them pass

No Shots Fired > Bandits laid Down Arms, Full Surrender, Tired of War

Kingdom of Jesus – NOW but NOT YET – HERE and COMING Again!

Moravian Miss to South Africa - George Smith – thot DIED FAILURE

Short time in SA: 1 Convert, Old Woman, gave Bible – FORCED OUT

DIED ON HIS KNEES PRAYING FOR AFRICA

Later: Village heard Old Woman, Read Bible Smith gave, 13,000 Saved

c. Mercy / Grace v. 15 When he returned, having received the kingdom, he ordered these servants to whom he had given the money to be called to him, that he might know what they had gained by doing business.

Jesus looking for Gospel Venture Capitalists – Invest for HIS GLORY

16 1<sup>st</sup> came before him: ‘Lord, your mina has made 10 minas more.’

Gospel gives the Increase > Seed of God grows

16 “your mina has made” Not Up to Us / 18 MINA has Done the Work

Rom 1.16 I am not ashamed of gospel, for it is power of God for salvation

Not TRY to Save Anyone, Change Anyone, We JUST Plant Seeds

Purpose of evangelism is to cajole sinners to do what they are able to do!? No one can come, no one wants to come, they are dead in sin.

Not trained > Know 2 Things > Disease and Cure, Sin and Savior

Not Know these 2 Things > Not a Christian > See/Saw God is UP/DOWN

John Newton, Slaver: Grace 'Although my memory's fading, I remember two things very clearly: I am a great sinner and Christ is a great Savior.'

17 he said to him, ‘Well done, good servant! Because you have been faithful in a very little, you shall have authority over ten cities.’

INCREASE > 1000% - 500% Profit Margin!

Relation between SERVICE & BLESSING > beyond All Proportion

Zeke's: Highest Paid worker in Factory > Bro/n/Law Owner - \$ College

Rom 8.16,17 Spirit himself bears witness w our spirit that we are children of God & if children, then heirs—heirs of God & fellow heirs w Christ, provided we suffer w him in order that we may also be glorified w him

We know He is Full of Grace: DELIGHT to Serve Him, Not Keep Score

Jesus makes our DUTIES a DELIGHT because He is so GRACIOUS

OUR GIFTS AND TALENTS BELONG TO HIM

The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it. 1 Thessalonians 5:24

### 3. What Do You Think of the King?

a. **Hated** v. 14 But his citizens hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, ‘We do not want this man to reign over us.’

ARCHELAUS > Hated by Jews and he Hated Them!

Jesus – Preaching to People w Same Feelings – w/in Month > Crucified!

We are SERVANTS of OPPOSED, REJECTED King

Own People > “Crucify Him...We have No King but Caesar”

Luke’s Audience > Small, Struggling Church – Opposed by Rome

Church History: People Reject Kingship of Jesus: Selves, Nations

Today 2.6 Billion Christians > 5.4 Billion NOT Following King Jesus

v. 12 “nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom

HOW do Christians live DURING this ABSENCE of the KING??

What Kind of Kingdom this?? No One Sees King, Rarely any Evidence

World’s CALENDAR - A.D. "Anno Domini" - "in the year of the Lord"

Chinese Dynasty - Year New one BEGINS - becomes YEAR 1

TO Mao tse-Tung - subjects asked "what year is it?" - 1949

Kingdom of Christ EXPRESSED IN SUFFERING OF HIS PEOPLE

SEE OBEDIENT CHRISTIAN - SEE KINGDOM OF GOD

b. **Afraid** 20 3<sup>rd</sup> Servant, ‘Lord, here is your mina, which I kept laid away in a handkerchief; for I was afraid of you, because you are a severe man. You take what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.’

CONDEMNED by Own Words > Does NOT KNOW how GOOD God IS

3<sup>rd</sup> Servant – Hides the Gospel – Does NOTHING, Reaches No One

BLAMES King for his Own Unfaithfulness > King’s Fault

Like ADAM in GARDEN > Blames MASTER for his OWN Failures

Spirit of ELDER Son in Luke 15 – “I am slaving for you”

One who Wrapped it in a PIECE OF CLOTH – LOSE ALL – Give Away

“A little thing is just a little thing, but faithfulness in a little thing is a great thing... The real tragedy in life is not being limited to one talent, but in the failure to use the one talent.”

Hudson Taylor

You Show what you Think about King, but what you Do w Gospel

Either USE the GOSPEL or you will LOSE THE GOSPEL

True as a PERSON – FAMILY – and CHURCH

R we PROTECTING the GOSPEL or PAYING IT FORWARD?

c. Important Question > What the King thinks of You

21<sup>st</sup> C Question of 1<sup>st</sup> C Doc. / Looking @ 1<sup>st</sup> C Doc w Our 21<sup>st</sup> C EYES

NO X posts – No Gallup Polls – No No Kings Marches agnst Archeleus

“Wanna be King” Archeleus Never asked Citizens about FEELINGS

v. 23-25 Why then did you not put my money in the bank, and at my coming I might have collected it with interest?’ And he said to those who stood by, ‘Take the mina from him, and give it to the one who has the ten minas.’ And they said to him, ‘Lord, he has ten minas!’

William Carey, letter to his son on his own Bday “I am this day 58, but how little I have done for God” > Postage Stamp INDIA > Appreciate

Want Immediate Glory > Not Life of Humble, Hard, Service for King

REWARD – 10 Cities, 5 Cities > God is a Gracious Employer!

26 ‘I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.

3<sup>rd</sup> Wants to be OWN King > Do what you Want > Follow your Rules

Reward NOT Rest but Opportunity for Wider Ministry: Not Harp/Cloud

USE it or LOSE It > Invest in Kingdom > Use Gospel to Bring Others

Give him Break – Patient – Nervous – Not Taught – Slow – Mama’s Boy

Shy, Slow, Well-Meaning, No Experienced, Bad Parents, Over Vaccinated

What Jesus THINK? v. 22 “I will condemn you...you wicked servant”

OH the Pieces of Cloth God’s People have HIDDEN HIS TALENTS IN!

What HAPPENED to SERVANT who HID TALENT IN CLOTH??

What else would you call a servant who refused to obey his master’s command, slandered his master’s good name, and was so scared of making a mistake that he failed to do what he was supposed to do? According to Jesus, it is wickedness.

Philip Ryken

v. 27 But as for these enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, bring them here and slaughter them before me.”

PARABLE – Story Jesus made-up to Make a Point > Story about Realities

FINAL DAY – 27 Real Ending FAR WORSE – Eternal Separation Locked Door from Your

Side: No to God : All Good is from God

He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his power on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. 2 Thessalonians 1.8-10

**Psalm 52** Why do you boast of evil, O mighty man? // **The steadfast love of God endures all the day.** // Your tongue plots destruction, like a sharp razor, you worker of deceit. // **You love evil more than good, and lying more than speaking what is right.** // You love all words that devour, O deceitful tongue. // **But God will break you down forever; he will snatch and tear you from your tent; he will uproot you from the land of the living.** // The righteous shall see and fear, and shall laugh at him, saying, // **“See the man who would not make God his refuge, but trusted in the abundance of his riches and sought refuge in his own destruction!”** // But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God. I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever // **I will thank you forever, because you have done it. I will wait for your name, for it is good, in the presence of the godly. Amen and Amen.**