

# **Luke 19**

## **Luke 19.1-10**

**V1** – **Where was Jericho?** Northeast of Jerusalem (Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem)

**V2** – **Who was Zaccheus?** A tax-collector  
-**What was his financial situation?** Very rich

**V3** – **Physical situation?** Short  
-He was trying to see Jesus, but could not see him because of the crowds and his shortness

**V4** – **How did he get to see Jesus?** He climbed up in a sycamore tree

**V5** – **What destination did Jesus have in mind?** To visit Zaccheus at his house  
-**Would there be anything in our houses that we would not want Jesus to see, if he made a surprise visit?** (thought question)  
-**Is there anything we would have to put away quickly if we knew Christ was coming to visit us?**

**V6** – **Attitude of Zaccheus?** Very happy

**V7** – **Complaint of some?** Christ has gone to visit a man who is a sinner

**V8** – **What was the attitude that Zaccheus had?** One of repentance  
-**What was a part of that repentance?** Restoring anything he had wrongly taken  
-**How did he restore things?** Four-fold  
-**What great lesson is there here on the true meaning of repentance?** It does not just mean saying we are sorry for what we did, but repairing the damage that we have caused

**V9** – **Why salvation?** Because of his repentance as a son of Abraham

**V10** – **The goal of Jesus?** To save lost people (not to just condemn people to hell)

## **Luke 19.11-27** – The Parable of the Nobleman

**V11** – **What was the parable going to be about?** The kingdom of God

**V12** – **Why did the nobleman leave?** To receive a kingdom (as with Jesus going to heaven)

**V13** – **What did he do for his 10 slaves?** Gave them money (minas – shekels of silver) and asked them to use this money wisely

**V14** – **What was the attitude of the neighbors of the nobleman?** They hated him  
-**Why?** They didn't like his rules

**V15** – **When the nobleman returned, what did he do?** He called his slaves together to ask for an

accounting of how they had used the money he had given them

**V 16 – What did the first slave report?** He had invested his "minas" and had made 10 more

**V 17 - What was his reward?** To be given more responsibilities in the kingdom (put over 10 cities)

**V 18 – What did the second slave report?** He had been given 5 minas and had made 5 more

**V 19 – What was his reward?** To be put over 5 cities

**V 20 – What did the third slave report?** He was afraid of investing his mina and just hid it, because he did not want to make the nobleman angry

**V 21 – Why did he think he might make his master angry?** Because the master expected a return on his investments

**V 22 – What did the nobleman call this slave?** Worthless

**V 23 – What was the least thing that this slave could have done?** He could have put the money in a bank and drawn interest on it

**V 24 – What did the master do?** Had this slave's mina taken away and given to the one who had 10

**V 25 – Why did the other slaves object?** He already had 10 – Should he be given the extra mina?

**V 26 – Yes, because our goal is to take the talents that God has given us and develop more**  
**-Point of the Parable?** We are to use the talents that God has given us and use them for his glory and for his kingdom

**V 27 – What was to be done with the citizens who did not want this nobleman reign over them?**  
They were to be slain  
-Warnings to the Jews who did not want Jesus to be the Messiah  
**Read Zech. 9.9** – This prophecy was fulfilled here

-This is one of several parables in the book of *Luke* about how we should use the talents that we have for the glory of God

**-Had Luke done this?** Yes, he was a doctor and went with Paul on the missionary journeys to take care of the great apostle (with his "thorn in the flesh")

-Luke also had a writing talent (and a talent for details) and wrote the book of *Luke* and the book of *Acts*

**-What would many people have done instead?** Stayed in Jerusalem or Antioch and developed a great medical practice and made a lot of money

-Luke was living out the message of this parable

**-What about us today?**

**-A career in music?** Do you lead singing for the local congregation?

**-A career in public school teaching** – Do you teach a Bible class at the local congregation?

**-A talent in public speaking?** A career in preaching (or for a woman: Do you hold ladies' days whenever possible?)

- A skill in plants and landscaping?** Do you use that talent for the local church building?
- A great cook?** Do you cook meals for the sick and shut-ins?
- This list goes on and on
- Everyone has at least one talent, and some will have many talents – It is easy to say, "Someone else will take care of that," but that doesn't usually happen

## **Luke 19.28-40**

**V 28** – What was his destination as he and the apostles traveled on? Jerusalem

- If he was going southwest from Jericho, why did Luke say that Jesus and the apostles went "up" to Jerusalem?** Because Jerusalem was in the mountains (highlands), so they were going "up"

**V 29** – Bethany – about 2 miles from Jerusalem

- Bethphage – closer
- Basically, the public ministry of Jesus was over (except for some comments with Pilate and those at the trial)
- What assignment did Christ give to two of his disciples?** To go into Jerusalem and begin to make arrangements for him

**V 30** – Why a colt that had not been sat on? The fulfillment of:

- Num. 19.2*
- Deut. 21.3*
- 1 Sam. 6.7*

- Animals to be used in religious ceremonies were never to be "used" animals

**V 31** – Who would have asked? The owner of the animal

- The answer?** The Lord has need of it
- Probably the owner was a disciple of Christ

**V 32-34** – The prediction of Jesus was true – the animal was there, the owner asked, and the answer was given

- Why were there no objections to taking the animal?** Probably a disciple

**V 35** – Jesus normally walked

- According to brother Boles, whenever Jesus traveled, this was the only record of him ever riding an animal
- Had Jesus normally drawn attention to himself?** No, he told people to keep quiet; he took the backroads, went through small villages, etc.
- Why would he allow himself to be honored this way?** Because the time had come

**V 36** – Their garments were spread on the road

- Why?** A sign of honor by keeping the dust down

**V 37** – Who were accompanying Jesus to Jerusalem? The disciples

- Why were they praising God?** The miracles
- "Joyfully"** – Christianity is a religion of joy, not drudgery, agony, and self-torture

**V 38** – Read Psalm 118.25-26 – Quoted by the multitude

- They possibly thought an earthly kingdom would be established and the Romans would be chased out of Palestine
- This verse shows that Jesus was the Messiah, the anointed one, the one who came in the name of God

**V 39** – Why did the Pharisees object to the multitudes? They had just shouted that Jesus was the Messiah

- The Pharisees thought that such praise should be reserved only for God

**V 40** – Explain: The truth will come out – there is no way to stop it

## **Luke 19.41-44**

**V 41** – Reaction of Jesus in seeing Jerusalem? He wept

- Read Psalm 121 – a Psalm of Ascent (The Psalms of Ascent: *Psalms 120-134*)
- These were glorious and happy psalms that the Jews sang as they went up to Jerusalem
- These *Psalms* expressed their tremendous joy at seeing Jerusalem
- But what was the reaction of Jesus when he saw Jerusalem? He cried

**V 42** – Why did Jesus cry? He loved Jerusalem, but he could see the coming destruction of the city, because they had rejected the Son of God

**V 43** – A reference to 70 A.D.

- Who carried out God's will? The Roman army under General Titus (Josephus has an eye-witness account of all the gruesome details of the attack in 67-70 A.D.)

**V 44** – Time of visitation? The time Jesus spent in their midst – what an ominous verse!

- The Son of God had been in their midst, but they had crucified him

## **Luke 19.45-48**

**V 45** – Jesus had already cleansed the temple once earlier in his ministry (*John 2.13-22*)

- What were they selling? According to *John 2.13-22*, oxen, sheep, doves, along with money-changing

**V 46** – Quote from *Isaiah 56.7* – We are not to make a "profit" from the Lord's work

- The assembly of the local congregation should not be an occasion for selling things (candy bars for school, cookies, other goods and products) – See **2 Corinthians 2.17**

**V 47** – What was Jesus doing in this last week before his death? Still teaching the people

- Result? The Jewish leaders were trying to kill him

**V 48** – Why didn't they kill him then? They were afraid of the crowds

- What was the crowd doing at this time? "Hanging on every word that he said"

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