

**The Journey Ends**  
**Lesson #4**  
**Luke 18:31 - 19:27**

**Jesus' Third Prediction of His Death - Luke 18:31-34**

1. After Peter had declared that The Twelve recognized Jesus as the Messiah, the Christ (Luke 9:20), Jesus told them he must suffer and die. (Luke 9:22) What else did Jesus do at that time? (Luke 9:51)
  
2. What did he say was his reason for doing that? (Luke 13:33)
  
3. According to Luke's travel narrative (Luke 9:51-19:27), Jesus continued to drive out demons and heal people (Luke 13:32) along the way. However, it was his teaching that was now taking center stage. Knowing that the time was getting short, he took The Twelve aside to teach them separately. What did he tell them? (Luke 18:31)
  
4. Please notice that Jesus does not refer to himself as the Messiah but as the "Son of Man." Why do you think he preferred to use that name? (Refer also to John 6:14 & 15)
  
5. Make a list of the things Jesus told his disciples would take place when they arrived in Jerusalem. (Luke 18:32 & 33)
  
6. The list seems clear, but Luke said, "The disciples did not understand any of this." Why? (Luke 18:34)

**Bartimaeus Receives His Sight - Luke 18:35-43**

7. Where is Jesus located in this story? (Luke 18:35a)
  
8. Who was with Jesus? (Luke 18:36)

9. All three synoptic Gospels record this story; Mark (10:46) gives us his name as Bartimaeus and Matthew adds that there were two men sitting together. What details does Luke focus on in his story? (Luke 18:35)
10. If he was blind, how did he know it was Jesus going down the road? (Luke 18:36 & 37)
11. Apparently, Bartimaeus knew of Jesus because he cried out to get Jesus' attention. What did he say? (Luke 18:38)
12. What happened next in the story? (Luke 18:39a)
  - Did that work? (Luke 18:39b)
13. Bartimaeus had been told it was Jesus of Nazareth, yet called him "*Jesus, Son of David.*" By using that title, what were Bartimaeus' expectations about Jesus? (Refer to Amos 9:8 & 11)
14. Jesus heard Bartimaeus' cry for mercy and asked that the man be brought to him. Jesus asked him "*What do you want me to do for you?*" Every word of his answer is important – what did he say? (Luke 18:41b)
15. Jesus did answer his request by restoring his physical sight, but how did Jesus say he was healed? (Luke 18:42)
16. Based upon that, what does Luke say Bartimaeus did after he had received his sight? (Luke 18:43a)
17. How did this unexpected incident affect the crowd that was walking with Jesus? (Luke 18:43b)

**Zacchaeus' Encounter with Jesus - Luke 19:1-10**

18. The climax of Luke's travel narrative is the story of Zacchaeus. Luke is the only Gospel writer to record this story. Where does he say Jesus was at the time? (Luke 19:1)
19. Read verses 2-4 and write down everything you notice about this man Zacchaeus.
20. When Jesus reached the spot where Zacchaeus was located, he didn't pass by but stopped, looked up in the sycamore tree and spoke to Zacchaeus. What did he say? (Luke 19:5)
21. Reflect on verses 1 - 5 writing down any thoughts that come to mind (i.e., try putting yourself in Zacchaeus' place, or one of the crowd).
22. When Jesus told Zacchaeus that he was going to stay at his house that day, Luke records the various reactions to this statement.
  - How did the crowd react? (Luke 19:7)
  - From that verse, what can you learn about the general attitude toward Zacchaeus?
  - What was Zacchaeus' response to Jesus? (Luke 19:6 & 8)
23. Zacchaeus reacted to Jesus' invitation immediately and Jesus knew it came from his heart. What did Jesus tell the crowd about Zacchaeus and why? (Luke 19:9)
24. Why do you think that Rabbi (teacher) Jesus emphasized that he was "a son of Abraham?" (Luke 3:7 & 8)
25. Luke then reminds his readers why Jesus said he had come. (Luke 19:10)

**The Parable of the Rejected King – Luke 19:11-27**

26. Keeping in mind that parables were used by Jesus primarily to teach the truth about the Kingdom of God, what two background facts does Luke give to set up this parable? (Luke 19:11)
27. The main character is a nobleman. What did Jesus say about him? (Luke 19:12)
28. Before he went away, the nobleman gave 10 of his servants each a mina. What were his instructions about the mina? (Luke 19:13) A mina is equal to 100 drachmas, a Greek coin that was worth a day's wages; so one mina was equal to about 3 months wages.
29. What insight did Jesus give about the subjects of this nobleman? (Luke 19:14)
30. What was the result of that effort by these subjects? (Luke 19:15a)

The nobleman turned king, returned to his home and called together the 10 servants to give an account of what he had entrusted to them. In this parable, Jesus tells how three of the servants answered their master.

**Servant #1**

- What did he say to the master? (Luke 19:16)
- What did the master say to this servant? (Luke 19:17)

**Servant #2**

- What was his accounting? (Luke 19:18)
- What was his master's response? (Luke 19:19)

**Servant #3**

- What did this third servant do and say? (Luke 19:20 & 21)

- What was the master's response to this servant? (Luke 19:22 & 23)
- What shocking action did the master take with this third servant? (Luke 19:24)

### **The Moral**

The moral of the parable comes in verses 26 and 27, but to understand correctly what Jesus was teaching, it must be kept in context – Jesus is teaching about the Kingdom of God.

31. What were the people's expectations? (Luke 19:11)
32. The nobleman "*went to a distant country*" and while he was there, what took place? (Luke 19:15a)
33. When he returned home, what did he do about the servants that he had left behind to take care of his estate (with the minas)? (Luke 19:17 & 22)
34. So putting all this together regarding the things of the Kingdom of God, what did Jesus teach:
  - About his servants? (Luke 19:26)
  - About his enemies, or those who oppose him? (Luke 19:27)