

Week 8
2/27/22
Approaching
Jerusalem



“after saying this, he went ahead going up to Jerusalem” 19:28

18:31-34 *“We are going up to Jerusalem”*

“...everything that is written by the prophets” 24:27, 44-47

“fulfilled” → *“finished”* John 19:30

Delivered, mock, insult, spit, flog, kill, rise again – unmistakable detail

“The disciples did not understand any of this...”

It seems so plain... would we have understood?

Why do people not “understand” today? (Luke 24:45)

18:35-43 *“As Jesus approached Jericho”*

Jericho – still today – literally next to the ruins of ancient Jericho (Joshua 6)

Jericho is about 17 miles NE and 3300 feet lower than Jerusalem

18:36 Crowd

“Approached” – the beggar is *“outside”*

The beggar asks for *“mercy”* not *“healing”* (38,39)

Do we ask for what we want immediately, or for our greatest need?

How does the man’s insistence show faith?

Mark identifies the blind man by name (Bartimaeus)

Luke contrasts him with *“a certain ruler”* (18:18)

The Blind Man shows faith / the Ruler walks away

One sees, the other does not

19:1-10 *“Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through”*

How is the faith of Zacchaeus like that of the blind man?

How can we live faith in this way today?

19:5 *“I must stay at your house today”* Luke 2:49

Contrast of Zacchaeus *“joyfully”* and the crowd *“grumbled”*

Common theme in the parables...

19:7 *“He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.”* Luke 5:27-39

Do we see Jesus abiding with us like this?

19:11-28 "...because He was near Jerusalem"

Parable of the "10 minas"

Often confused with the parable of the talents (Matthew 25)

Different setting, details, and purpose

What is the purpose/theme? 19:11

19:12 – "went to a foreign country to receive a kingdom"

Herod the Great in 40BC, his sons – including Archelaus, Antipas, Philip

A delegation followed the sons in protest (19:14)

Wait, the kingdom is not yet established

Nobleman GIVES

Nobleman is REJECTED

Nobleman RETURNS and calls for an account

Nobleman's reaction – harsh, but true to Jesus RETURN

All about the Kingdom / The True King

Why is this parable fitting as the last before Jerusalem?

19:11 - "... he told them a parable, because he was near to Jerusalem..."

19:28 - "after saying this, he went ahead going up to Jerusalem

Who are you called to be in this parable?

19:29-40 Jesus "draws near"

To Bethany and Bathphage (just outside Jerusalem) 19:29

Jesus stays in Bethany every night during the week

To the descent off the Mt of Olives 19:37

To the city 19:41

Preparations to arrive

Happens exactly as Jesus says 19:30-31

Colt – Zechariah 9:9

King / one who has to borrow a colt – Jesus resolves the tension of the servant / king

"the Lord of it has need" - Greek is ambiguous

But notice the play on the colt's masters – literally, "lords"

Arrival and response

19:38 – sound familiar? – Luke 2

Psalm 118

Rebuke

3:8 – John the Baptizer – making stones into children of Abraham (gentiles)

Jesus' Journey is always toward Jerusalem

heading to the cross, inviting others to join, preparing them for sharing the journey