



The Words of Jesus Series

Jesus Boldly Enters Jerusalem

Parables on Prayer and Humility, Encounters with Three Men

Context: Chapters Luke 18-19, Matthew 19 & 21, Mark 10-11

Outline

Lesson 1 – Prayer, Pharisee, Publican & Preschoolers (Luke 18:1-17)

Lesson 2 – Rich Young Ruler, Bartimaeus & Zaccheus (Luke 18:18-19:9)

Lesson 3 – Jesus Boldly Enters the Temple (Luke 19:11-48)

Jesus teaches on prayer and humility. He accepts little children and blesses them. He talks with the Rich Young Ruler, heals Bartimaeus of blindness, and befriends Zaccheus, a tax collector, who repents. Jesus teaches on the coming Kingdom, enter Jerusalem in triumph and drives commerce out of the temple.



Suggested methodology for each lesson:

1. Fellowship (Save most of this for the end of class.)
2. Take prayer requests (Try to keep it from becoming a competition to see who has the most or the worst.)
3. Pray (The idea here is to leave our troubles with God so we can give His word our attention with a clear mind.)
4. Read the lesson's text aloud from the Bible. (... or a few verses at a time as you answer the questions.)
5. Answer and *briefly* discuss the "fill in the blank" questions. (Let those who prefer to listen, listen. My answers on the next page are just one opinion; you may have a better answer if it is based on Scripture.)
6. On the final "Think & Pray" question everyone should take a few minutes to pray over it and write down their own thoughts before the discussion. **This will give the Holy Spirit a time to speak.**
7. Discuss your "Think & Pray" answers. (Never force anyone to share theirs. As with the other questions, my answer is just one more opinion; you may have a better answer.)
8. Close in prayer (It is best to call on others to pray, but try to get their permission ahead of time.)
9. Fellowship (Leave this time as open ended as possible for the time and place you meet.)

Depending on the number of people, each lesson is expected to take about one hour. Steps 4 thru 7 are about half of that. If you take longer, let each lesson take more than one meeting, or consider breaking into two groups. If you take less time, extra questions are provided for discussion called "For Further Thought"

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Lesson 1 – Prayer, Pharisee, Publican & Preschoolers (Luke 18:1-17)

Please read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:

[1A] Luke 18:1 What was the parable to show? _____

[1B] Luke 18:2-3 Who are the three characters in the parable? _____

[1C] Luke 18:4-5 Why did the judge give in? _____

[1D] Luke 18:6-8 How long will it take God to answer our pleas for justice? _____

[1E] Luke 18:9 Who was the audience for this parable? _____

[1F] Luke 18:10-14 Who are the three characters in the parable? _____

[1G] Luke 18:14 Who will be exalted? _____

[1H] Luke 18:15 How did the disciples react to children being brought to Jesus? _____

[1I] Luke 18:16-17 Who must we be like to enter the kingdom of God? _____

[1J] Mark 10:13-16 What did Jesus do with the children? _____

[1K] Matthew 19:13-15 Who does the kingdom of heaven belong to? _____

[1L] What does Jesus mean in Luke 18:17 when He says, "Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it at all." (Hint: Philippians 2:15)

Think & Pray _____

The Back Pew – Jeff Larson



The TV Evangelist, and the Radio Shock Jock. **Luke 18:9-14**

Lesson 1 – Prayer, Pharisee, Publican & Preschoolers (Luke 18:1-17)

- [1A] Luke 18:1 What was the parable to show? We ought to pray at all times and not lose heart
[1B] Luke 18:2-3 Who are the three characters in the parable? Judge, widow, widow's opponent
[1C] Luke 18:4-5 Why did the judge give in? He was annoyed by the widow's persistence
[1D] Luke 18:6-8 How long will it take God to answer our pleas for justice? Quickly
[1E] Luke 18:9 Who was the audience for this parable? Self-righteous holding others in contempt
[1F] Luke 18:10-14 Who are the three characters in the parable? Pharisee, tax collector, and God
[1G] Luke 18:14 Who will be exalted? He who humbles himself
[1H] Luke 18:15 How did the disciples react to children being brought to Jesus? Tried to stop them
[1I] Luke 18:16-17 Who must we be like to enter the kingdom of God? Little children
[1J] Mark 10:13-16 What did Jesus do with the children? Took them in His arms and blessed them
[1K] Matthew 19:13-15 Who does the kingdom of heaven belong to? Those like children

[1L] The Bible is not explicit regarding this analogy but it is my opinion He is talking about the characteristics of most children with regard to innocence, humility and trust. Our innocence however, we have besmirched, and we require His blood to regain it. Humility and trust are choices we can decide to make. Have you made that decision?

Romans 16:19 "For the report of your obedience has reached to all; therefore I am rejoicing over you, but I want you to be wise in what is good and innocent in what is evil."

For further thought:

- (1m) In Luke 18:8 Jesus asks a question. What is the answer to His question?
- (1n) What does Luke 18:1-8 teach us about prayer?
- (1o) What does Luke 18:9-14 teach us?
- (1p) What is the difference between the two kingdoms mentioned in Luke 18:17 and Matthew 19:16?
- (1q) Pure speculation regarding Mark 10:13-16: Do you think those children He took in His arms had different kinds of lives because of this event?
- (1r) Why do you guess the disciples tried to prevent the children from being brought to Jesus? How do you think they felt when He over ruled them?
- (1s) Of the characters in the two parables in Luke 18:1-14 which one are you most like today? Which ones have you been like in the past?

Lesson 2 – Rich Young Ruler, Bartimaeus & Zaccheus (Luke 18:18-19:9)

Please read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:

[2A] Luke 18:18 What did the ruler want to know? _____

[2B] Luke 18:19 Who alone is good? _____

[2C] Luke 18:20-21 What did the ruler claim about himself? _____

[2D] Luke 18:22-23 What man the ruler sad? _____

[2E] Luke 18:24-26 What is possible for God? _____

[2F] Luke 18:27-30 What can those who have sacrificed everything for the sake of the kingdom of God expect to receive? _____

[2G] Matthew 19:16-26 has a question asked by the ruler not mentioned in Luke. What?

[2H] Mark 10:17-27 has an action by the ruler not mentioned in Luke. What?

[2I] Luke 18:31 What did Jesus tell them would accomplished?

[2J] Luke 18:32-34 When did he say He would rise again? _____

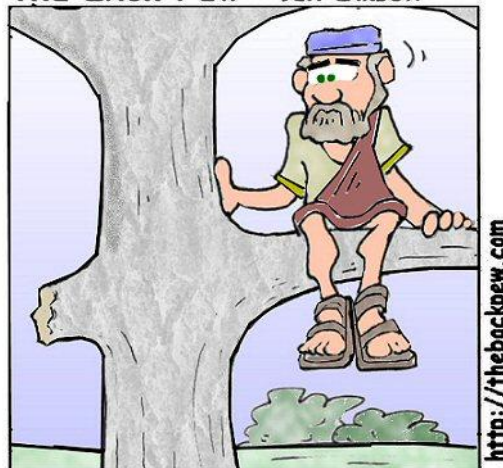
[2K] Luke 18:35-43 How did Jesus say Bartimaeus was healed? _____

[2L] Luke 19:1-10 Why did Jesus say the Son of Man had come? _____

[2M] In Luke 18:22 Jesus tells the rich young ruler to give his wealth to the poor and follow Him. Do we have to do the same thing?

Think & Pray _____

THE BACK PEW - JEFF LARSON



The story of Zaccheus in the Sycamore tree would have been the story of Zaccheus and Lou if it were not for the weak branch Lou was perched on. Lou was not a wee little man. **Luke 19:1-9**

Lesson 2 – Rich Young Ruler, Bartimaeus & Zaccheus (Luke 18:18-19:9, Mt 19:16-30, Mk 10:17-31)

[2A] Luke 18:18 What did the ruler want to know? How to inherit eternal life

[2B] Luke 18:19 Who alone is good? God

[2C] Luke 18:20-21 What did the ruler claim about himself. Lifelong obedience to the commandments

[2D] Luke 18:22-23 What made the ruler sad? His idol worship of his own wealth

[2E] Luke 18:24-26 What is possible for God? The impossible

[2F] Luke 18:27-30 What can those who have sacrificed everything for the sake of the kingdom of God expect to receive? More in the ages to come and eternal life

[2G] Matthew 19:16-26 has a question asked by the ruler not mentioned in Luke. What?

The ruler asked which commandments.

[2H] Mark 10:17-27 has an action by the ruler not mentioned in Luke. What?

The man knelt down before Jesus.

[2I] Luke 18:31 What did Jesus tell them would be accomplished?

All things written by the prophets regarding the Son of Man.

[2J] Luke 18:32-34 When did he say He would rise again? The third day

[2K] Luke 18:35-43 How did Jesus say Bartimaeus was healed? His faith Lk 18:42

[2L] Luke 19:1-10 Why did Jesus say the Son of Man had come? To seek & save the lost Lk 19:10

[2M] Yes and no. We certainly must be willing to give up everything including our wealth, but I do not think God requires us all to just give it all away. To whom would we give it? Somebody has to use the money for the benefit of the Kingdom. If I am a careful steward of what He has given me, why can't it be me? Everything I have is His, and I try to spend it all in a way that pleases Him. I believe He wants me to have food, clothing, and shelter and some of life's amenities. I also believe He wants me to contribute to the ministry of the Gospel.

I have seen wealthy people use their money to manipulate congregations, using their money to buy influence. They give designated offerings which are inadequate expecting the church as a whole to pay the rest. I'm sure their intentions are good but it has a tendency to change the focus of attention in a church body, and can be detrimental to the cause of Christ. To see what I mean think of an extreme example. Imagine what would happen in your congregation if someone gave your church a billion dollars which could be spent in any way the church wanted, but they must have unanimous agreement from all church members. How do you think that would turn out?

For further thought:

(2n) Was Luke 18:19 a claim of divinity or a denial of divinity? Why?

(2o) Jesus only listed some of the Ten Commandments in Luke 18:20. Why?

(2p) In Luke 18:22 was Jesus really expecting the man to drop everything and follow Him?

(2q) In Matthew 19:18 the man asks Jesus which commandments must be obeyed. Does this reveal anything interesting about this ruler's point of view?

(2r) In some very early manuscripts of this passage it says "rope through the eye of a needle" instead of "camel." Does that change the meaning of the metaphor? ("Camel" and "rope" look similar in Aramaic, the principle language of that region in Jesus' day. There was no small gate called the "eye of the needle" in the wall of any known city.)

(2s) In Mark 10:17 the rich young ruler knelt before Jesus. Does this reveal anything interesting about this ruler's point of view?

(2t) In Luke 18:35-43 Bartimaeus was asked to be very specific about what he wanted. If Jesus asked you that same question, how would you answer?

(2u) In Luke 19:1-10 Zacchaeus did not offer to make restitution until people grumbled about him being a sinner. Does this have any implications for us? How important is the reputation of Jesus Christ to you?

Lesson 3 – Jesus Boldly Enters the Temple (Luke 19:11-48)

Please read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:

[3A] Luke 19:11 Why did Jesus teach this parable? _____

[3B] Luke 19:12-14 Was this nobleman popular? _____

[3C] Luke 19:15-19 How many cities did these two receive? _____

[3D] Luke 19:20-25 How many cities did the final one receive? _____

[3E] Luke 19:26-27 What happened to the nobleman's enemies? _____

[3F] Luke 19:28-40 What did Jesus say about the complaints of His follower's praise? _____

[3G] Luke 19:41-44 Why did Jesus say Jerusalem was doomed? _____

[3H] Luke 19:45-46 Who did Jesus drive out of the temple? _____

[3I] Matthew 21:12-13 Who did Jesus drive out of the temple? _____

[3J] Matthew 21:12-13 What did Jesus overturn? _____

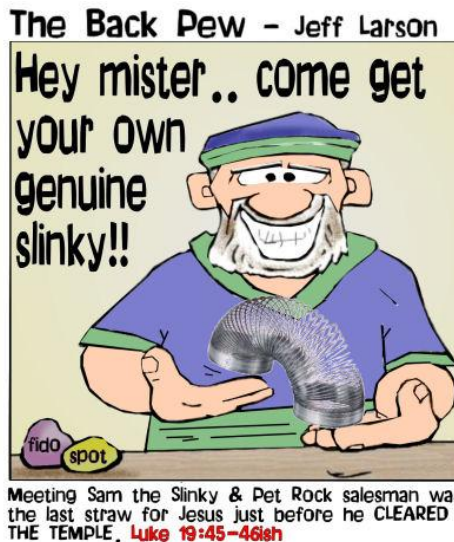
[3K] Mark 11:15-17 Who did Jesus drive out of the temple? _____

[3L] John 2:13-20 Who did Jesus drive out of the temple? _____

[3M] Luke 19:47-48 What were all the people doing? _____

[3N] At our church we have bakes sales, raffles and such to raise money for various programs. We sometimes hold business meetings in the church sanctuary and talk about money and how we are going to spend it. In light of Jesus' reaction to the money changers and sellers are we doing wrong? Why? After all they were simply selling the animals people needed to make the sacrifices required in the Old Testament, and changing Roman money into Jewish money so people could make the necessary offering in the temple. Why did Jesus object to that?

Think & Pray _____



Lesson 3 – Jesus Boldly Enters the Temple (Luke 19:11-48)

[3A] Luke 19:11 Why did Jesus teach this parable?

Because they were expecting the kingdom of God to appear immediately

[3B] Luke 19:12-14 Was this nobleman popular? No "We do not want this man ..." Lk 19:14

[3C] Luke 19:15-19 How many cities did these two receive? Ten and five, matching their earnings

[3D] Luke 19:20-25 How many cities did the final one receive? None

[3E] Luke 19:26-27 What happened to the nobleman's enemies? They were killed

[3F] Luke 19:28-40 What did Jesus say about the complaints of His follower's praise?

That if they became silent the stone would cry out. What do you suppose He meant by that?

[3G] Luke 19:41-44 Why did Jesus say Jerusalem was doomed? Not recognizing the time of visitation

[3H] Luke 19:45-46 Who did Jesus drive out of the temple? Those who were selling

[3I] Matthew 21:12-13 Who did Jesus drive out of the temple? Those buying and selling

[3J] Matthew 21:12-13 What did Jesus overturn? Money changer's tables, dove seller's seats

[3K] Mark 11:15-17 Who did Jesus drive out of the temple? Those buying and selling

[3L] John 2:13-20 Who did Jesus drive out of the temple?

Those selling oxen, sheep and doves as well as the money changers.

[3M] Luke 19:47-48 What were all the people doing? Hanging on to every word He said Do you?

[3N] The Bible is not explicit, but I don't think it is the same thing at all. We are simply carrying out the necessary business of the church and it does not hinder worship at all. The money changers and animal sellers were in the worship area that was designated for gentiles to come and worship God. The inner court was reserved for Jews and the Holy of Holies for priests and Levites. That meant a gentile had no place to worship at all. Nothing we do in our church prevents anyone from worshipping.

For further thought:

(3o) In Luke 29:37-38 Jesus' disciples greet him with loud and public praise. How then could Jesus say that Jerusalem did not recognize the time of visitation? (Luke 19:44)

(3p) Thinking about Luke 19:40: What did He mean?

(3q) In Luke 19:47-48 there are two groups of people. Which one are you part of? How do you know?

(3r) Compare Matthew 21:1-10, Mark 11:1-14 and Luke 19:28-44. What did you learn?

(3s) Matthew 21 and Mark 11 add the detail of the money changer's tables and dove seller's seats being overturned? Do you think these things have any special significance? Why? John 2 has even more details. So?

(3t) Compare Luke 19:46 with Isaiah 56:7 and Jeremiah 7:11. What did you learn?

(3u) What did you learn in this course that you would like to remember?

(3v) If someone asked you what this course was about, what would you tell them?

(3w) What scripture from this course would be best to memorize? Why?