

C H A P T E R



1. Read the chapter at least twice. We can easily divide this chapter in to five events; 1) Zacchaeus meets Jesus, 2) The parable of the Ten Minas, 3) Jesus Triumphant ride into Jerusalem, 4) Jesus wept over Jerusalem, 5) Jesus clears the temple a second time. Ask God to help you see every treasure he has for you in this chapter.
2. Jesus was passing through the city of Jericho. As we saw in the last chapter, a large crowd was following him. But one man did not let the size of the crowd stop him from seeing Jesus that day. The man's name was _____, what facts did you learn about this man?
3. The name Zacchaeus means pure. Luke tells us he was not only a tax collector, but a chief tax collector and that he was making a very good income at it. How was this man getting rich? Do you believe he was living up to his name?
4. Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus but because he was short, he could not see over the crowd. What did Zacchaeus do to catch a glimpse of Jesus that day?
5. What is hindering you and an intimate relationship with Jesus?
Have you ever wanted to be with Jesus and experience his presence so badly that you went to the extra effort to make it happen?

What did you do?
6. Getting up early or staying up late are not the only steps to finding a bit of quiet time with Jesus. If our heart is not open to him, we will be like the Pharisees who often came into his presence but whose heart was far from him. To have a personal encounter with Jesus, it might take overlooking an offense, forgiving someone who hurt you, or taking our eyes off our own problems long enough to see the needs of others around us. To what lengths are you willing to go to enjoy the presence of Jesus?
7. Look at verses 5-6, how well did things work out for Zacchaeus?
8. Read Luke 19:7, how did Zacchaeus fellow Jewish brethren feel about him?

What was their opinion of this man?
9. Can you imagine Zacchaeus joy, he not only saw Jesus over the crowd, but Jesus saw him. Jesus instructed him to climb down because he was going to his house that day.
Are you singing the Zaccheaus song now?
Not only did he see Jesus but now he would have time to sit and truly visit with him. What a difference a day can make. The day before Zacchaeus was a selfish, greedy, tax-collector; how great was the change to his heart?

What did Jesus say about this change? Luke 19:9 "Today _____ has come to this house,..."
10. Zacchaeus shared his testimony with all who were present that day. How specific was he about the change that he experienced after meeting Jesus?

What was the outward proof of an inward change of heart?

11. Read Numbers 5:5-7 and Leviticus 6:5, what was required by the law of Moses concerning restitution when one had been wronged?
12. When Zacchaeus said he would repay four times the amount he had cheated, it seems he is going way beyond the requirements of law of Moses for restitution. Lying, cheating, and stealing are often found together. Being intentionally deceptive or misleading is wrong, we call this lying. Cheating consists of breaking the rules or taking unfair advantage of someone else. But stealing is intentionally taking what belongs to someone else.
Read Exodus 22:1, how did Zacchaeus view his sin against his people?
13. Each person's experience with Jesus is personal. My experience was not the same as Zacchaeus, but it is easy to look back and see the dramatic change Jesus made in my heart. If you are a believer, think back to the day you first trusted Christ, what changes do you see in your life?
14. Jesus acknowledged that Zacchaeus was a son of Abraham, a fellow Jew, who knew and understood the law of Moses. This was a big part of the reason the people hated him so much. They did not like the Romans and their harsh taxes and treatment, but a fellow Jew who added to their burden was hated even more. This was exactly the kind of person Jesus came to seek and save. What did Jesus say had changed for Zacchaeus this day?
15. Those following Jesus were confused by the upcoming events. This is very important. It is the reason Jesus told his next parable. Read Luke 19:11 again., What did those with him think would happen next?
16. Jesus once again uses a parable to teach. The parable begins with a nobleman who is about to go on a journey. Where is this nobleman going and what was the purpose for the trip?
17. Let's stop and consider this nobleman for a few minutes. He is headed to a coronation ceremony in his honor. Jesus did not tell the details about how this came about. We can we surmise that this man is not only rich, but he is also a powerful and shrewd businessman. Before he leaves, he calls in ten servants, what instructions does he give them?
18. There are two distinctively different Greek words used in verses 13 and 14.
Luke 19:13 uses the Greek word Doulos, which is a slave or bondservant. These men had no choice but to obey. For whatever reason they had given themselves to this man to be his servants for life.
Luke 19:14 uses the Greek word Polites, which means a citizen, or inhabitant of a country.
The people mentioned in verse 14 do not want this man to be their king and rule over them.
What did they do to make their wishes known?
19. The Pharisees were always sending delegations to Jesus. What have we seen so far in our study of Luke concerning their feelings toward Jesus?
20. We can glean a bit more about this man. In verse 13 we see he gave each servant an equal amount. What was the only expectation stated?

21. The noble man in this parable is Jesus. God's will cannot be thwarted simply because the subjects of this world choose to rebel against God's plan. Jesus will return one day; we do not know the day or hour, but when he does it is very important that he finds us, his servants, faithfully carrying out his commands. Do you know what believers are to be doing while we wait for his return? If not, read Matthew 28:19-20, then write your answer.

22. Three of the ten servants were called to give an account of their stewardship. What had they done with what they had been given?

	What they had done with what they were given.	Reward / Punishment
Servant #1		
Servant #2		
Servant #3		

23. The noble man dealt with three of his servants, but what about the other seven? The point of the parable is not so much how the man deals with his servants. What is Jesus' reason for telling this parable? If you do not remember, read Luke 19:11.
24. In verse 27, we see how the nobleman deals with those who refuse to follow. They rejected him as king over them. They wanted to rule their own life. They were considered enemies. What happened to these enemies?
25. Did you notice the difference in the outcome for the bondservants in Luke 19:26?
26. What was the outcome for those citizens who refused to have him as their king in Luke 19:27? Spend a few minutes thinking about this. What do you believe Jesus wants the reader to understand?
27. After traveling the long and difficult road from Jericho (approximately 20 miles and an elevation change of approximately 3300 feet), Jesus has almost arrived at Jerusalem. Locate Jericho, Bethpage, Bethany, Mount of Olives, and Jerusalem on a map at the end of this study guide. Locations are important information in God's word.
28. Read Luke 19:28-31, Jesus gives instructions to two of his disciples., What are they instructed to do?
29. A donkey is a beast of burden. This donkey would have been very valuable to the owner. Jesus tells his two disciples how to handle any issues that might arise. What are they to do?

What do you believe this says about the owner of the donkey?

Put yourself in this man's place. What message would you need to hear to allow a stranger to take your vehicle?

Do you think the Lord may have spoken to him in a dream or vision to prepare him for the need? Perhaps he had met Jesus at an earlier time. Perhaps Jesus healed a loved one or friend and he would be willing to help Jesus. We do not know, but we see such a beautiful example of a heart willing to please the Master.

30. The donkey was taken to Jesus, and those present threw their cloaks on it. As Jesus went along this short distance from the Mount of Olives to Jerusalem, what was the response of all those present that day?
31. What did the people cry out as Jesus passed by?
32. Not everyone was willing to call him Lord. Not everyone in the crowd was willing to rejoice. Who was upset by the cheers of the crowd?
What was their request of Jesus?

33. As Jesus approaches Jerusalem, he is overcome with emotion. Why do you believe he wept?
34. In verse 42, what did Jesus say will now happen?
35. Their denial of the truth kept them from the peace that was right there with them. The Bible often warns us about hardening one's heart. What are some signs that a person's heart is hardening to the truth?
- What is their lifestyle?
What is on their mind?
Do they understand the things of God?
36. What did Jesus tell them would happen because they had not recognized the blessing right in front of them?
37. Jesus warns them of something coming very soon, Luke 19:43-44. What was he warning them about?
38. What was going on at the temple when Jesus arrived that day?
39. This is the second time in Jesus public ministry that he cleansed the temple. The first time is recorded in John 2 at the beginning of his earthly ministry. Read Luke 19:46, what was the true purpose of the temple?
40. Why was all this buying and selling taking place at the temple, was there not a marketplace for this?
What was the real problem that allowed this to keep happening?
41. We do not go to the temple today as they did then; the Spirit of God abides in the believer's heart.
Read 1 Corinthians 6:19-20. Let's reason for just a few minutes about this issue of cleansing the temple. The people who bought and sold in God's house were more interested in convenience and profit. They were guilty of not honoring God's house. As believers we have the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, God's spirit living in us. Would you say you are doing everything you can to make it a place that honors God?
42. God is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and plentiful in mercy, but do not mistake his patience for his approval. How we treat his temple is of great importance to our heavenly Father. Stop for a few minutes and invite Jesus to show you any areas that need a bit of attention and change. The words spoken at the temple, the actions that occurred there, and the hearts of those entering were all important for proper worship. Our worship will be much sweeter with a heart that is humble before God. Read Matthew 11:29, when believers follow Jesus in humility, what are we promised?
43. Jesus said these merchants had made the temple a den of robbers. They were charging an exorbitant fee on the items they sold and the money they exchanged. This made it difficult for the poor to offer sacrifices and to worship. The church today should be a place that points to Jesus with every word and activity that goes on there. Believers are the church. What part do you play as the church being a lighthouse of hope?

44. The last thing we see in this chapter is the response of the chief priest, the teachers of the law, and the leaders to Jesus. Again, what were the chief priests and teachers of the law supposed to be doing?

Jesus simply taught truth at the temple each day. Those who opposed him could not find anything to hold against him. He spoke kindly and taught them to love God and to love others. The people were drawn to his teaching. Why were these men in leadership filled with such hatred for Jesus? Why did they want to see him dead?

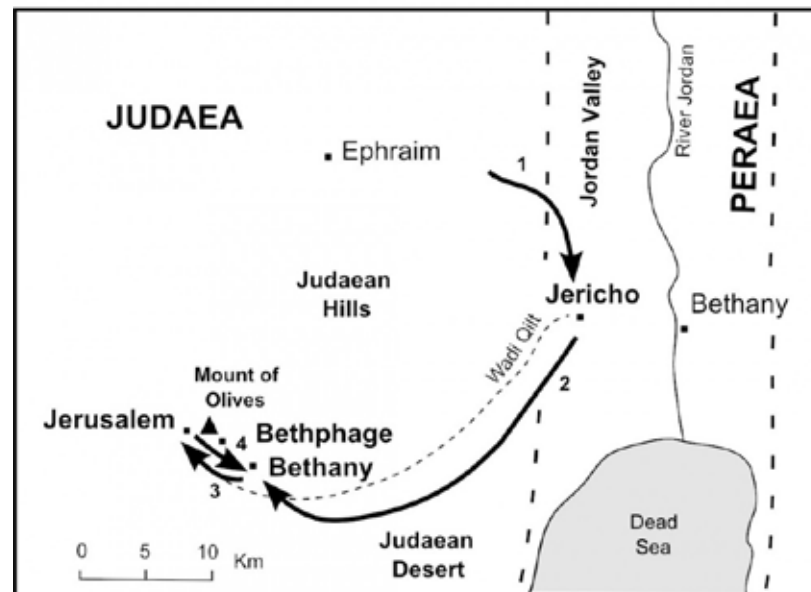
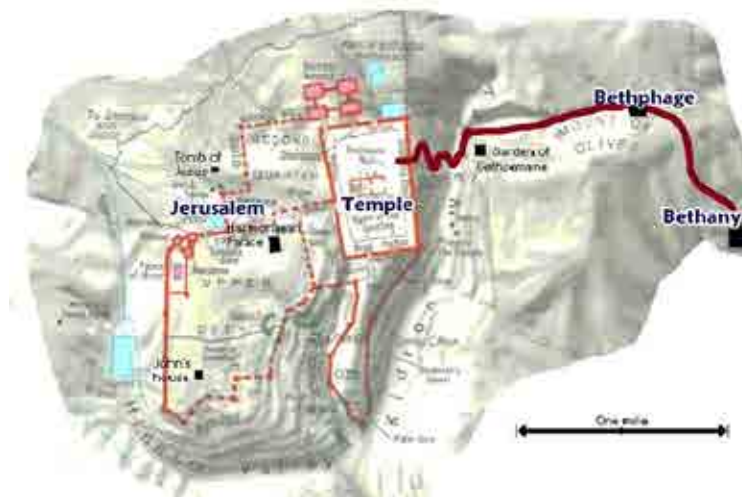
45. As we said in the beginning of our study this week, there are at least five distinct divisions in this chapter.

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Which of these spoke to you?

What was your takeaway after spending time in God's word?

46. Jesus disciples followed, listened, and tried to understand all he was teaching, but they were often confused. We have the benefit of the complete story, Jesus resurrected and coming again one day. Are you living in the victory and power of this truth today?



Biblical References

Day Two

Question 11

Numbers 5:5-7 (ESV) And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ⁶“Speak to the people of Israel, when a man or woman commits any of the sins that people commit by breaking faith with the LORD, and that person realizes his guilt, ⁷ he shall confess his sin that he has committed. And he shall make full restitution for his wrong, adding a fifth to it and giving it to him to whom he did the wrong.

Leviticus 6:5 (NIV) or whatever it was they swore falsely about. They must make restitution in full, add a fifth of the value to it and give it all to the owner on the day they present their guilt offering.

Question 12

Exodus 22:1 (ESV) “If a man steals an ox or a sheep, and kills it or sells it, he shall repay five oxen for an ox, and four sheep for a sheep.”

Day Three

Question 21

Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV) *“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*

Day Five

Question 41

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NIV) Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ²⁰ you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your bodies

Question 42

Matthew 11:29 (NIV) *Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.*

