Lesson 19 Luke 19

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. 2A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. 3He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. 4So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

5When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.” 6So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

7All the people saw this and began to mutter, “He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.”

8But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.”

9Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. 10For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

The Parable of the Ten Minas

11While they were listening to this, he went on to tell them a parable, because he was near Jerusalem and the people thought that the kingdom of God was going to appear at once. 12He said: “A man of noble birth went to a distant country to have himself appointed king and then to return. 13So he called ten of his servants and gave them ten minas.[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+19&version=NIV#fen-NIV-25745a)] ‘Put this money to work,’ he said, ‘until I come back.’

14“But his subjects hated him and sent a delegation after him to say, ‘We don’t want this man to be our king.’

15“He was made king, however, and returned home. Then he sent for the servants to whom he had given the money, in order to find out what they had gained with it.

16“The first one came and said, ‘Sir, your mina has earned ten more.’

17“‘Well done, my good servant!’ his master replied. ‘Because you have been trustworthy in a very small matter, take charge of ten cities.’

18“The second came and said, ‘Sir, your mina has earned five more.’

19“His master answered, ‘You take charge of five cities.’

20“Then another servant came and said, ‘Sir, here is your mina; I have kept it laid away in a piece of cloth. 21I was afraid of you, because you are a hard man. You take out what you did not put in and reap what you did not sow.’

22“His master replied, ‘I will judge you by your own words, you wicked servant! You knew, did you, that I am a hard man, taking out what I did not put in, and reaping what I did not sow? 23Why then didn’t you put my money on deposit, so that when I came back, I could have collected it with interest?’

24“Then he said to those standing by, ‘Take his mina away from him and give it to the one who has ten minas.’

25“‘Sir,’ they said, ‘he already has ten!’

26“He replied, ‘I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given, but as for the one who has nothing, even what they have will be taken away. 27But those enemies of mine who did not want me to be king over them—bring them here and kill them in front of me.’”

Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King

28After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. 29As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 30“Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here.31If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it.’”

32Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. 33As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?”

34They replied, “The Lord needs it.”

35They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. 36As he went along, people spread their cloakson the road.

37When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

38“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!”[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+19&version=NIV#fen-NIV-25770b)]

“Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

39Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”

40“I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

41As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it 42and said, “If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. 43The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. 44They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God’s comingto you.”

Jesus at the Temple

45When Jesus entered the temple courts, he began to drive out those who were selling. 46“It is written,” he said to them, “‘My house will be a house of prayer’[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+19&version=NIV#fen-NIV-25778c)]; but you have made it ‘a den of robbers.’[[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+19&version=NIV#fen-NIV-25778d)]”

47Every day he was teaching at the temple.But the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the leaders among the people were trying to kill him. 48Yet they could not find any way to do it, because all the people hung on his words.

1. Read about Zacchaeus’ encounter with Jesus in verses 1-10. Why do you think Jesus singled Zacchaeus out from the crowd and invited himself to Zacchaeus’ home?

2. Compare and contrast Zacchaeus with the rich young ruler in the previous chapter. Why do you think rich Zacchaeus, the chief tax collector of Jericho, responded differently to Jesus than the rich young ruler had?

3. Jesus was nearing Jerusalem when he told the parable of the ten minas, in verses 11-27. Many believed he was going to Jerusalem to establish his earthly kingdom, but he was actually going there to die on the cross, as he’d said in Luke 18:33. He told this parable to dispel any hopeful rumors that the kingdom had arrived. Who does the man of noble birth in Jesus’ story represent and what did he tell his servants to do in his absence?

4. Verse 14 says the noble man’s subjects hated him and sent word that they refused to acknowledge his kingship. Who do you think those subjects who rejected the king in the parable represent?

5. After the noble man had been crowned king, he returned to his homeland to set things right. He called his servants before him to give an account of what they had done with the minas. What did he say to the man who’d gained 10 more? To the man who’d gained 5 more? To the man who’d hidden his mina and gained no more? What message does this give to Christians today?

6. Jesus makes two points in his conclusion of the parable in verses 26 and 27. What are his points?

Verse 26:

Verse 27:

7. Read verses 28-34. Why do you think the owners of the little donkey let the disciples take it, and why do you think Jesus wanted to ride into Jerusalem on a donkey colt, rather than a big horse?

8. Read about Jesus’ triumphal entry in verses 35-44. How were the people’s expectations different than Jesus’ expectations about what was going to happen in Jerusalem in the days ahead? How does this help explain Jesus’ words and emotions in verses 41-44?

9. How do verses 45-48 relate to the great concern Jesus felt for the city of Jerusalem, and why did he take such extreme action?

10. Has Jesus ever “turned over the tables” in your life? What has he been cleaning out recently? (Please remember that anything of a personal nature that is shared in your small group is to remain strictly confidential.)

11. Journal this passage SOAP style.