

Luke: Heaven's Savior with a Human Touch
Close, But No Cigar
Luke 19:11-44
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"Your greatest contribution to the world might not be something you do, but someone you raise."

RECOGNIZE and RESPOND to the Uniquely Best!

1. Be **FAITHFUL** to follow & listen to the Uniquely Best! Luke 19:11-27

...Luke 19:10 — 10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

"What are we supposed to do between the time Jesus came and was rejected and the time when He will return to establish His kingdom?"

Luke 19:11-44 — 11 As they heard these things, he proceeded to tell a parable, because he was near to Jerusalem, and because they supposed that the kingdom of God was to appear immediately.

12 He said therefore, "A nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and then return. 13 Calling ten of his servants, he gave them ten minas, and said to them, 'Engage in business until I come.' 14 But his citizens hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We do not want this man to reign over us.' 15 When he returned, having received the kingdom, he ordered these servants to whom he had given the money to be called to him, that he might know what they had gained by doing business.

...Engage in business until I come.

16 The first came before him, saying, 'Lord, your mina has made ten minas more.' 17 And he said to him, 'Well done, good servant! Because you have been faithful in a very little, you shall have authority over ten cities.' 18 And the second came, saying, 'Lord, your mina has made five minas.' 19 And he said to him, 'And you are to be over five cities.'

1 Corinthians 3:12-15 — 12 Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— **13** each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. **14** If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. **15** If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

2 Corinthians 5:9-10 — 9 So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. **10** For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

1 Corinthians 4:2 — 2 Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful.

20 Then another came, saying, 'Lord, here is your mina, which I kept laid away in a handkerchief; **21** for I was afraid of you, because you are a severe man. You take what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.' **22** He said to him, 'I will condemn you with your own words, you wicked servant! You knew that I was a severe man, taking what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow? **23** Why then did you not put my money in the bank, and at my coming I might have collected it with interest?' **24** And he said to those who stood by, 'Take the mina from him, and give it to the one who has the ten minas.' **25** And they said to him, 'Lord, he has ten minas!' **26** 'I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. **27** But as for these enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, bring them here and slaughter them before me.' "

Be **FAITHFUL** to follow & listen to the Uniquely Best! Second...

2. Be **MINDFUL** of the consequences of rejecting the Uniquely Best! Luke 19:28-44

The coming One is now arriving. This journey that Jesus has been on since He entered into this world was coming to a conclusion. And Jerusalem was just over that next hill...

28 And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. **29** When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, **30** saying, "Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. **31** If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.' " **32** So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. **33** And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" **34** And they said, "The Lord has need of it."

...**Zechariah 9:9-10 — 9** Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. **10** I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

35 And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. **36** And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. **37** As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, **38** saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

Psalms 118:26 — 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We bless you from the house of the Lord. They recognize that the uniquely best has arrived...

39 And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." **40** He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

41 And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, 42 saying, "Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. 43 For the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up a barricade around you and surround you and hem you in on every side 44 and tear you down to the ground, you and your children within you. And they will not leave one stone upon another in you, because you did not know the time of your visitation."

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Let's talk about the opportunities that God gives us...

1. Why do you think the people believed that Jesus was going to establish His kingdom at that time (v.11)?
2. What has Jesus given you to "engage in business" until He comes (v.13)?
3. Why was the establishment of Jesus' kingdom delayed (v.14)?
4. What will Jesus require of us when He returns (v.15)?
5. Why do you think the first two servants were faithful to use what their master had given them (v.16-19)?
6. Why did the third servant do nothing with the resources his master had given him (v.20-21)?
7. What happens when we fail to make the most of the opportunities that God providentially puts before us (v.24)?
8. Why did Jesus ask His disciples to go find a colt for Him to ride into Jerusalem (v.30)?
9. Why were the people reacting to Jesus the way they were (v.37)?
10. Why do you think Jesus allowed the people to make such a public demonstration at this point in His life (v.39-40)?
11. What would be the consequences of rejecting Jesus as their King (v.43-44)?