

St. Luke 19 Study Questions

1. **Luke 19:3-4** What was Zacchaeus' attitude to his own dignity in his desire to see Jesus? How willing are you to make a fool of yourself so that salvation may come to your house (v. 9)?

2. **Luke 19:9** How did Zacchaeus show himself to be a true son of Abraham?

Footnote p. 143, 19:9 Son of Abraham

How do you show yourself as a true child of God?

Romans 4:11-12 (p. 262) and **Footnote 4:11 Father of all who believe**

3. **Luke 19:11** On what two counts does Jesus' parable of the ten gold coins correct the disciples' mistaken notion that the kingdom of God will appear immediately when Jesus enters Jerusalem?

Footnote p. 143, 19:11 Appear immediately

4. **Luke 19:12-27** What are the historical, moral, and theological layers of significance in the parable of the Pounds?

Footnote p. 143, 19:12-27 Luke's parable of the Pounds

5. **Luke 19:13-26** In the parable, what did the king tell his servants to do with the money?

What sorts of gifts has God given you to serve him with?

How have you "traded" with these gifts, and how have you fared in their growth or decline?

6. **Luke 19:30** What is the significance of riding into Jerusalem on a colt that no one has ever ridden? Why the colt of a donkey?

Footnote p. 144, 19:30 A colt

CCC 559 How will Jerusalem welcome her Messiah? Although Jesus had always refused popular attempts to make him king, he chooses the time and prepares the details for his messianic entry into the city of "his father David". Acclaimed as son of David, as the one who brings salvation (*Hosanna* means "Save!" or "Give salvation!"), the "King of glory" enters his City "riding on an ass". Jesus conquers the Daughter of Zion, a figure of his Church, neither by ruse nor by violence, but by the humility that bears witness to the truth. And so the subjects of his kingdom on that day are children and God's poor, who acclaim him as had the angels when they announced him to the shepherds. Their acclamation, "Blessed be he who comes in the name of the Lord", is taken up by the Church in the "*Sanctus*" of the Eucharistic liturgy that introduces the memorial of the Lord's Passover.

7. **Luke 19:39–40** When have you seen someone who was enthusiastic for God in public and what was your reaction to that enthusiasm?

How do you think God looks upon those who are unashamed to show their love for him in front of others?

Acts 4:13-14 and **18-20** (p. 214)

8. **Luke 19:41–44** Why would Jerusalem be to blame for not knowing the time of its visitation?

What does “know” mean here?

Footnote p. 144, **19:42-44** **Jesus foresees**

Jeremiah 6:6 For thus says the LORD of hosts: Cut down her trees; cast up a siege ramp against Jerusalem. This is the city that must be punished; there is nothing but oppression within her.

When have you failed to know God’s visitation in your life?

What have been the consequences?