

- He has **reversed the 'woes'** of the **Beatitudes regarding himself**.

(NB) He makes 4-fold restitution as was demanded by the Law.

19:9 Jesus pronounced ***"Today salvation has come to this house"*** Jesus = salvation.
The sheep is found, Shepherd rejoices
"If I have cheated anyone"!!: Cf. Lk 3:13. The tax collectors **were** cheats!

19:9 **"A Son of Abraham"**: Zacchaeus was one of the Chosen People under the covenants of Abraham and Moses.

- He showed the **"fruits of repentance"** demanded by John the Baptist in Lk 3:8
- Jesus informs **the angry crowd** that Zacchaeus was **"one of them"**
– a ***"lost sheep of the House of Israel"***: (Matt 15:24)

THE KINGSHIP PARABLE: 19:11-27

(NB) The context of this parable is that Jesus is getting close to Jerusalem, where
"everything that was written by the prophets about the Son of Man is to happen": Lk 18:31

Jesus is surrounded by **incomprehension** and **misunderstanding**: 19:21-27

- (NB) • Neither Disciples nor crowds understood this prophecy of Jesus.
- They imagined that the **earthly kingdom of David** was going to be restored very soon.
 - They did not grasp that **Jesus' Kingship was Spiritual** and would begin **AFTER** the Resurrection (18:38-39)
 - Like the Pharisees they had a wrong idea of Kingship (17:20-21)

The **reason** for telling the parable is given at the beginning to make sure that we interpret it correctly.

19:12 The parable concerns a nobleman, his servants (slaves) and citizens
- He went to a far country to receive his Kingdom and then returned.

Historically, Herod, the Great travelled to Rome to receive his kingship.

Cf. Josephus in Antiquities: 14:370-389.

(Archelaus, son of Herod the Great did likewise but the people sent a delegation saying they did not want him as king)

- when he returned home successfully **he brutally destroyed his enemies**.

Meaning of Parable: Jesus was about to leave them in Death/Resurrection to go back to the Father.

- He left the Church in the care of His **servants**: Apostles and successors: 10 = the full number
- Some would work well for Him... others will be lazy / **do** nothing.
- When Jesus returns in the **Parousia** – His Final, Glorious Coming, He will meet out justice to everyone (ie) rewards or punishments

PS

vs 26 The man with £10.00 was given the £1 of the lazy servant.
People objected that this person had more than **all** the others!!

But he was the one who **worked the hardest for K.O.G.**
– so, he was given the wasted £1 of the lazy servant as a reward!

- This applies to our Faith / Love also!
Use it and it increases; neglect it and it decreases and you may lose it altogether!

vs 27 Refers to **Rev 19** where Jesus, returning in glory from Heaven **destroys the destroyers of the earth** and establishes his K.O.G.

THE MESSIAH ENTERS JERUSALEM: 19:28-48

INTRODUCTION

- Jesus enters Jerusalem to receive His Kingdom.
 - this is not an earthly Kingdom – but the K.O.G.
- The disciples proclaim Him Messianic King
 - but the Pharisees consider this blasphemous!

(NB) There are **three final stages** to Jesus' journey: 19:29-46
- and a concluding summary: 19:47-48

Stage 1: He is near Bethphage and Bethany – about to descend onto the Western side of the Mount of Olives: vs 29-40

Stage 2: Jesus is close to the city where He can look down upon it.

Stage 3: He descends into the city as The Messiah and into the Temple of God, His Father's House (vs 45-46)

The Summary in vs 47-48 concentrates on Jesus' daily activities in the Temple.

- (NB) The descent from the Mount of Olives is carefully planned by Jesus
- (i) **because** it is the official entry of **Israel's Messiah into Jerusalem**
 - (ii) Because the Son of God returns to the Father in the Temple having been ***"busy with His Father's affairs"*** Cf. Lk 2:50

Note Jesus gives a command to His disciples – both here in 19:30-32 and in the preparation of the Passover later in Lk 22:7-13 Cf. 2:20

(NB) In both cases the disciples **find things exactly as Jesus indicated**
∴ illustrating His Divine Knowledge and Prophetic role...

Message

- 1) God is so rich and powerful yet Jesus, His Son, only needed a poor donkey to take Him to His city.
 - the donkey did not understand anything, yet he took part in the triumphal entry of the King Messiah into Jerusalem.
 - The donkey was stupid – but not stupid enough to think that the Hosannas were for **him**, they were **for the Burden** he carried!

- 2) We are meant to remember Jacob's prophecy over his son, Judah, in Gen 49:10-12.

Jesus was THE LAST KING OF JUDAH!

- *The sceptre shall not pass from Judah nor the ruler's staff from between his feet. As long as man come to Shiloh; and unto him shall the obedience of the peoples be.*

*Binding his foal unto the vine, and his ass's colt unto the choicest vines
and his vesture in the blood of grapes;*

His eyes shall be red with wine, and his teeth white with milk"

(Masoretic Text)

- 3) Also, the entry of Solomon to be anointed King in 1 Kgs 1:38
- **he rode on David's mule** and the crowds rejoiced over him.

- 4) The prophet Zechariah wrote (9:9-10)

5)

*"Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!
See now, your King comes to you;
he is victorious, he is triumphant,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey"*

(Jerusalem Bible)

Note: Now Jesus fulfils the Scriptures in detail.

(NB) vs 30: The colt had not been ridden by anyone before Jesus!
22:53 He will also rest in a tomb no-one else had used!

- This befits His dignity as the Son of God and His uniqueness...
 - This befits His Purity and Holiness also...
- (NB)** • He is greater than Judah, Solomon, David or anyone else - all added together!

THE PEOPLE REJOICE in their Messiah King: 19:37-38

The People **(NB)** - They praise God for 'all that they had seen and heard of Jesus' Ministry

The Shepherds - just like the shepherds at His Birth Cf. 2:20

The Disciples - just like the disciples in the Early Church

(NB) The people unconsciously proclaim the deeper reality of Ps 118:26

*"Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in Heaven and glory in the highest heavens!"*

(NB) Go back to Luke 13:35 where Jesus admonished Jerusalem for rejecting all the messengers sent by God to her and He declared Judgement on the city UNTIL she would say from her heart:
Baruch haba ba Shem Adonai! Ps 118:26

(NB) They will discover their **human** expectations for Kingship and glory **reversed** as the death of the Messiah will **precede** the death of the Temple and the City of Jerusalem } Lk 21:5-28)

REJECTION BY THE LEADERS: 19:39-40

- Politically**
- They do not grasp the meaning of the event.
 - They fear a messianic uprising and Roman reprisals.
- Religiously**
- They reject Jesus' claim **to be** the Messianic King
 But **the truth cannot be silenced!**

STAGE 2: JESUS WEEPS OVER JERUSALEM: 19:14-44

Why?

- 1) They were blind / deaf to the message of **PEACE** from the Prince of Peace
 - proclaimed by the Angels at His Birth: (2:20)
 - proclaimed by Jesus in His Public Ministry
- 2) The truth was hidden from these. **Why?** Cf. **Isaiah 6:9-10**
- (NB) 3) **BECAUSE** of their refusal to "**HEAR** the Word of God and **keep** it"
 Cf. Lk 8:21, 10:24, 11:28, 31
 - If we were to be part of Jesus' Kingdom of Peace on earth:
 - a) we must **LISTEN** to God's Word
 - b) " " **LIVE** " "
 - c) " " **OBEY** " "

OR take the consequences of doing our own will disregarding God's plan for us as individuals and Nations.

(NB)	Jesus's Kingdom is Heavenly – not earthly	} earthly things will pass away
	Jesus' Peace is Heaven-sent " "	
	Jesus' Joy is Heaven-sent " "	

- 19:44**
- 4) The chastisement will come to Jerusalem **because**
 - (i) She did not recognise this greatest Visitation of God in Human History...
 - (ii) Like Pharaoh and the Egyptians of the time of Moses, the leaders completely rejected and reviled God Himself – Incarnate in their midst – their greatest privilege.

(NB) This visitation of God was proclaimed by **Zechariah in 1:68!**

***"Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel
 For He has visited His people, he has come to their rescue
 He has raised up for us a power for salvation in the House of David..."***

STAGE 3: JESUS CLEANSSES THE TEMPLE: 19:45-46

- When Jesus enters the Temple – His Father’s House! – (Cf. Luke 2:50)
He **finds** worldly business going on **but** the type of business that **DESTROYS** the worship of the True God: [Read Malachi 3:1-3]

- Abuse of Religion {
- The priests in the Temple **ONLY** used **the shekel**, so there were money-changers there – to make a profit in the exchange.
 - this made the buying of sheep / goats etc. **much more expensive**
- Abuse of Religion {
- There were people there **selling** animals – at **an exorbitant price** because the priests refused to take the animals from their farms.
 - they only accepted sheep and lambs that had been reared specially in Bethlehem – for the Temple.

- (NB) • **Now** that the **LAMB OF GOD** had **arrived** for the **great Sacrifice of Redemption** all this other stuff was unacceptable – **an abomination**.

- (NB) • Jesus had already told us in Luke 16:15 that *“what is thought highly of by men is loathsome in the eyes of God.”*

- (NB) Jesus’ entry into the Temple **shocked** everyone!
 - it was about the **last thing** they expected!

- Luke explains this event in Acts 7:1-53 where Stephen told the story of Israel’s rejection of God from the beginning of her History.
- Following Isaiah 56:7 **Jesus declared God’s House to be a PLACE of Prayer** – not worldly business!
 - a place for worship and communion with God – **not** extortion

Is 56:7 *“I will make them joyful in my House of Prayer... for my House will be called a House of Prayer **FOR ALL THE PEOPLE’S**”*

- (NB) From now on Jesus was making access to God **FOR EVERYONE**

REACTION of THE LEADERS to THE CLEANSING OF TEMPLE: 19:47-48

- 19: 47** • Outwardly they said and **did** nothing, but in their fury they plotted to destroy Him...
Even though **they** would recognise the fulfilment of prophesy
- This is **not the first time** they wanted to kill him!
 - They did not succeed before, **but this time they will** because they **drew Judas**, the Apostle, into their camp. Cf. Lk 22:4-6
- Cf. Luke 6:11 - in the Synagogue Lk 4:28-30 – the Nazarene