

Late Judean Ministry—Woes to Scribes and Pharisees (November 32)

Luke 11:37–54

37 And as he was speaking, a Pharisee asked him to have a meal with him, and he went in *and* reclined at table.
 38 And the Pharisee, *when he saw it*, was astonished that he did not first wash before the meal.
 39 But the Lord said to him, “Now you Pharisees cleanse the outside of the cup and of the dish, but your inside is full of greediness and wickedness.
 40 Fools! Did not the one who made the outside make the inside also?
 41 But give *as* charitable giving the things that are within, and behold, everything is clean for you.
 42 “But woe to you, Pharisees, because you pay a tenth of mint and rue and every garden herb, and neglect justice and love for God! But it was necessary to do these *things* without neglecting those things also. [cf. [Mic 6:8](#)]
 43 Woe to you, Pharisees, because you love the best seat in the synagogues and the greetings in the marketplaces!
 44 Woe to you, because you are like unmarked graves, and the people who walk over *them* do not know *it!* [cf. [Num 19:11–22](#)]
 45 And one of the legal experts answered *and* said to him, “Teacher, *when you say these things*, you insult us also!”
 46 So he said, “Woe to you also, legal experts, because you load people *with* burdens hard to bear, and *you* yourselves do not touch the burdens with one of your fingers!
 47 Woe to you, because you build the tombs of the prophets, and your fathers killed them!
 48 As a result you are witnesses, and you approve of the deeds of your fathers, because they killed them and you build *their tombs!*
 49 For this *reason* also the wisdom of God said, ‘I will send to them prophets and apostles, and *some* of them they will kill and persecute,’
 50 so that the blood of all the prophets that has been shed from the foundation of the world may be required of this generation,
 51 from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who perished between the altar and the temple building. Yes, I tell you, it will be required of this generation! [cf. [2 Chr 24:20–25](#)]
 52 Woe to you, legal experts, because you have taken away the key to knowledge! You did not enter yourselves, and you hindered those who were entering!”
 53 And *when* he departed from there, the scribes and the Pharisees began to be terribly hostile, and to question him closely about many *things*,
 54 plotting to catch him with reference to something he might say.

Late Judean Ministry—Jesus’ Warnings (November 32)

Luke 12

Beware the Leaven of the Pharisees

1 During this time *when* a crowd of many thousands had gathered together, so that they were trampling one another, he began to say to his disciples first, “Beware for yourselves of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.
 2 But nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, and secret that will not be made known.
 3 Therefore everything that you have said in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have whispered in the inner rooms will be proclaimed on the housetops.

Fear God

4 “And I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after these *things* do not have anything more to do.
 5 But I will show you whom you should fear: fear the one who has authority, after the killing, to throw *you* into hell! Yes, I tell you, fear this one!
 6 Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten in the sight of God.
 7 But even the hairs of your head are all numbered! Do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

Acknowledge Christ Before Men

8 “And I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before people, the Son of Man also will acknowledge him before the angels of God,
 9 but the one who denies me before people will be denied before the angels of God.
 10 And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him, but to the one who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven.
 11 But when they bring you before the synagogues and the rulers and the authorities, do not be anxious how or what you should speak in your own defense or what you should say,
 12 for the Holy Spirit will teach you in *that* same hour what it is necessary to say.”

Parable of the Rich Fool

13 Now someone from the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me!”

14 But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or an arbitrator over you?”

15 And he said to them, “Watch out and guard yourselves from all greediness, because not *even* when someone has an abundance does his life *consist* of his possessions.”

16 And he told a parable to them, saying, “The land of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest.

17 And he reasoned to himself, saying, ‘What should I do? For I do not have anywhere I can gather in my crops.’

18 And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and I will gather in there all my grain and possessions.

19 And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have many possessions stored up for many years. Relax, eat, drink, celebrate!”

20 But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your life is demanded from you, and *the things* which you have prepared—whose will they be?’

21 So *is* the one who stores up treasure for himself, and who is not rich toward God!”

Do Not Worry

22 And he said to his disciples, “For this *reason* I tell you, do not be anxious for *your* life, what you will eat, or for *your* body, what you will wear.

23 For life is more than food, and the body *more than* clothing.

24 Consider the ravens, that they neither sow nor reap; to them there is neither storeroom nor barn, and God feeds them. How much more are you worth than the birds?

25 And which of you *by* being anxious is able to add an hour to his life span?

26 If then you are not even able *to do* a very little thing, why are you anxious about the rest?

27 Consider the lilies, how they grow: they do not toil or spin, but I say to you, not even Solomon in all his glory was dressed like one of these.

28 But if God clothes the grass in the field in this way, *although it is here* today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more *will he do so for* you, you of little faith?

29 And you, do not consider what you will eat and what you will drink, and do not be anxious.

30 For all the nations of the world seek after these *things*, and your Father knows that you need these *things*.

31 But seek his kingdom and these *things* will be added to you.

32 “Do not be afraid, little flock, because your Father is well pleased to give you the kingdom.

33 Sell your possessions and give charitable gifts. Make for yourselves money bags that do not wear out, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven where thief does not approach or moth destroy.

34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Parable of the Faithful and Foolish Slaves

35 “You must be prepared for action and *your* lamps burning.

36 And you, *be* like people who are waiting for their master when he returns from the wedding feast, so that *when he* comes back and knocks, they can open *the door* for him immediately.

37 Blessed *are* those slaves whom the master will find on the alert *when he* returns! Truly I say to you that he will dress himself for service and have them recline at the table and will come by *and* serve them.

38 Even if he should come back in the second or in the third watch of the night and find *them* like this, blessed are they!

39 But understand this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into.

40 You also must be ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour that you do not think *he will come*.”

41 And Peter said, “Lord, are you telling this parable for us, or also for everyone?”

42 And the Lord said, “Who then is the faithful wise manager whom the master will put in charge over his servants to give *them their* food allowance at the right time?

43 Blessed *is* that slave whom his master will find so doing *when he* comes back.

44 Truly I say to you that he will put him in charge of all his possessions.

45 But if that slave should say to himself, ‘My master is taking a long time to return,’ and he begins to beat the male slaves and the female slaves and to eat and drink and get drunk,

46 the master of that slave will come on a day that he does not expect and at an hour that he does not know, and will cut him in two and assign his place with the unbelievers.

47 And that slave who knew the will of his master and did not prepare or do according to his will will be given a severe beating.

48 But the one who did not know and did *things* deserving blows will be given a light beating. And from everyone to whom much has been given, much will be demanded, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will ask him *for* even more.

Christ Brings Division, Not Peace

49 “I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish that it had been kindled already!

50 But I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how I am distressed until it is accomplished!

51 Do you think that I have come to grant peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division!

52 For from now on there will be five in one household, divided three against two and two against three.

53 They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

Interpreting the Time

54 And he also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud coming up in the west, you say at once, ‘A rainstorm is coming,’ and so it happens.

55 And when *you see* the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be burning heat,’ and it happens.

56 Hypocrites! You know how to evaluate the appearance of the earth and the sky, but how *is it* you do not know how to evaluate this present time?

Judge What is Right

57 And why do you not also judge for yourselves *what is* right?

58 For as you are going with your accuser before the magistrate, make an effort to come to a settlement with him on the way, so that he will not drag you to the judge, and the judge will hand you over to the bailiff, and the bailiff will throw you into prison.

59 I tell you, you will never get out of there until you have paid back even the last cent!”

Late Judean Ministry—Repent or Perish (November 32)

Luke 13:1–9

1 Now at the same time some had come to tell him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices.

2 And he answered *and* said to them, “Do you think that these Galileans were sinners worse than all the Galileans, because they suffered these *things*?

3 No, I tell you, but unless you repent you will all perish as well!

4 Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them—do you think that they were sinners worse than all the people who live in Jerusalem?

5 No, I tell you, but unless you repent, you will all perish as well!”

6 And he told this parable: “A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it and did not find *any*.

7 So he said to the gardener, ‘Behold, for three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree and did not find *any*. Cut it down! Why should it even exhaust the soil?’

8 But he answered *and* said to him, ‘Sir, leave it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put manure on *it*.

9 And if indeed it produces fruit in the coming *year, so much the better*, but if not, you can cut it down.”

Late Judean Ministry—A Woman Healed on the Sabbath (November 32)

Luke 13:10–21

10 Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath.

11 And behold, a woman *was there* who had a spirit that had disabled her *for* eighteen years, and she was bent over and not able to straighten herself up completely.

12 And *when he* saw her, Jesus summoned *her* and said to her, “Woman, you are freed from your disability!”

13 And he placed *his* hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and glorified God.

14 But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, answered *and* said to the crowd, “There are six days on which it is necessary to work. Therefore come *and* be healed on them, and not on the day of the Sabbath!”

15 But the Lord answered and said to him, “Hypocrites! Does not each one of you untie his ox or *his* donkey from the feeding trough on the Sabbath and lead *it* away to water *it*?

16 And this woman, who is a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan bound eighteen long years—is it not necessary that she be released from this bond on the day of the Sabbath?”

17 And *when* he said these *things*, all those who opposed him were humiliated, and the whole crowd was rejoicing at all the splendid things that were being done by him.

18 Therefore he said, “What is the kingdom of God like, and to what shall I compare it?

19 It is like a mustard seed that a man took *and* sowed in his own garden, and it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the sky nested in its branches.”

20 And again he said, “To what shall I compare the kingdom of God?

21 It is like yeast that a woman took *and* hid in three measures of wheat flour until the whole *batch* was leavened.”