## Perean Ministry—Parable of the Dishonest Manager (early 33)

Luke 16:1–13

- 1 And he also said to the disciples, "A certain man was rich, who had a manager. And charges were brought to him that this person was squandering his possessions.
- 2 And he summoned him *and* said to him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give the account of your management, because you can no longer manage.'
- 3 And the manager said to himself, 'What should I do, because my master is taking away the management from me? I am not strong enough to dig; I am ashamed to beg.
- 4 I know what I should do, so that when I am removed from the management they will welcome me into their homes!'
- 5 And he summoned each one of his own master's debtors and said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?'
- 6 And he said, 'A hundred measures of olive oil.' So he said to him, 'Take your promissory note and sit down quickly and write fifty.'
- 7 Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' And he said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your promissory note and write eighty.'
- 8 And the master praised the dishonest manager, because he had acted shrewdly. For the sons of this age are shrewder than the sons of light with regard to their own generation.
- 9 And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it runs out they will welcome you into the eternal dwellings.
- 10 "The one who is faithful in very little is also faithful in much, and the one who is dishonest in very little is also dishonest in much.
- 11 If then you have not been faithful with unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?
- 12 And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you your own?
- 13 No domestic slave is able to serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and will despise the other. You are not able to serve God and money."

## Perean Ministry—Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus (early 33)

Luke 16:14-31

## Jesus Responds to the Pharisees' Scorn

- 14 Now the Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him.
- 15 And he said to them, "You are the ones who justify themselves in the sight of men, but God knows your hearts! For *what is considered* exalted among men *is* an abomination in the sight of God.
- 16 "The law and the prophets were until John; from that time on the kingdom of God has been proclaimed, and everyone is urgently pressed into it.
- 17 But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one stroke of a letter of the law to become invalid.
- 18 "Everyone who divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery, and the one who marries a woman divorced from *her* husband commits adultery.

### Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus

- 19 "Now a certain man was rich, and dressed in purple cloth and fine linen, feasting sumptuously every day.
- 20 And a certain poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, lay at his gate,
- 21 and was longing to be filled with what fell from the table of the rich man. But even the dogs came and licked his sores.
- 22 Now it happened that the poor man died, and he was carried away by the angels to Abraham's side. And the rich man also died and was buried.
- 23 And in Hades he lifted up his eyes as he was in torment and saw Abraham from a distance, and Lazarus at his side.
- 24 And he called out *and* said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus so that he could dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am suffering pain in this flame!'
- 25 But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you received your good *things* during your life, and Lazarus likewise bad *things*. But now he is comforted here, but you are suffering pain.
- 26 And in *addition to* all these *things*, a great chasm has been established between us and you, so that those who want to cross over from here to you are not able *to do so*, nor can they cross over from there to us.'
- 27 So he said, 'Then I ask you, father, that you send him to my father's house,
- 28 for I have five brothers, so that he could warn them, in order that they also should not come to this place of torment!'
- 29 But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they must listen to them.'
- 30 And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent!'
- 31 But he said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone rises from the dead.'"

## Perean Ministry—Four Lessons on Discipleship (early 33)

Luke 17:1-10

- 1 And he said to his disciples, "It is impossible for causes for stumbling not to come, but woe to him through whom they come!
- 2 It would be better for him if a millstone is placed around his neck and he is thrown into the sea than that he causes one of these little ones to sin.
- 3 "Be concerned about yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him.
- 4 And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times he returns to you saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him."
- 5 And the apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"
- 6 So the Lord said, "If you have faith like a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.
- 7 "And which of you who has a slave plowing or shepherding *sheep* who comes in from the field will say to him, 'Come here at once and recline at the table'?
- 8 Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare something that I may eat, and dress yourself to serve me while I eat and drink, and after these *things* you will eat and drink.'
- 9 He will not be grateful to the slave because he did what was ordered, will he?
- 10 Thus you also, when you have done all the things you were ordered to do, say, 'We are unworthy slaves; we have done what we were obligated to do.'"

# Perean Ministry—Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead (early 33)

John 11:1-44

#### The Death of Lazarus

- 1 Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha.
- 2 (Now it was Mary who anointed the Lord with perfumed oil and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.)
- 3 So the sisters sent word to him, saying, "Lord, behold, the one whom you love is sick."
- 4 And when he heard it, Jesus said, "This sickness is not to death, but for the glory of God, in order that the Son of God may be glorified through it."
- 5 (Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.)

## **Jesus Delays**

- 6 So when he heard that he was sick, then he remained in the place where he was two days.
- 7 Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again."
- 8 The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were seeking just now to stone you, and are you going there again?"
- 9 Jesus replied, Are *there* not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks around in the daylight, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world.
- 10 But if anyone walks around in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.
- 11 He said these *things*, and after this he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going so that I can awaken him"
- 12 So the disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will get well."
- 13 (Now Jesus had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was speaking about real sleep.)
- 14 So Jesus then said to them plainly, "Lazarus has died,
- 15 and I am glad for your sake that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."
- 16 Then Thomas (the one who is called Didymus) said to his fellow disciples, "Let us go also, so that we may die with him."

## Martha and Mary Speak With Jesus Outside Bethany

- 17 So when he arrived, Jesus found he had already been four days in the tomb.
- 18 (Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about fifteen stadia.
- 19 So many of the Jews came to Martha and Mary in order to console them concerning their brother.)
- 20 Now Martha, when she heard that Jesus was coming, went to meet him, but Mary was sitting in the house.
- 21 So Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.
- 22 Even now I know that whatever you ask God, God will grant you."
- 23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."
- 24 Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."
- 25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me, even if he dies, will live,
- 26 and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die forever. Do you believe this?"
- 27 She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I have believed that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who comes into the world."
- 28 And when she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary privately, saying, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you."
- 29 So that one, when she heard it, got up quickly and went to him.

- 30 (Now Jesus has not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha went to meet him.)
- 31 So the Jews who were with her in the house and were consoling her, when they saw Mary—that she stood up quickly and went out—followed her, because they thought that she was going to the tomb in order to weep there.
- 32 Then Mary, when she came where Jesus was *and* saw him, fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."
- 33 Then Jesus, when he saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her weeping, was deeply moved in spirit and was troubled within himself.
- 34 And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see."
- 35 Jesus wept.
- 36 So the Jews were saying, "See how he loved him!"
- 37 But some of them said, "Was not this man who opened the eyes of the blind able to do *something* so that this man also would not have died?"

## Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead

- 38 Then Jesus, deeply moved within himself again, came to the tomb. Now it was a cave, and a stone was lying on it.
- 39 Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the one who had died, said to him, "Lord, he is stinking already, because it has been four days."
- 40 Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"
- 41 So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes above and said, "Father, I give thanks to you that you hear me.
- 42 And I know that you always hear me, but for the sake of the crowd standing around I said it, so that they may believe that you sent me."
- 43 And when he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"
- 44 The one who had died came out, his feet and his hands bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped with a facecloth. Jesus said to them, "Until him and let him go."

# Perean Ministry—The Plot to Kill Jesus (early 33)

## John 11:45-54

- 45 Then many of the Jews who had come with Mary and saw the things which he did believed in him.
- 46 But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them the things which Jesus had done.
- 47 So the chief priests and the Pharisees called together the Sanhedrin and said, "What are we doing? For this man is performing many signs!
- 48 If we allow him to go on in this way, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation."
- 49 But a certain one of them, Caiaphas (who was high priest in that year), said to them, "You do not know anything at all!
- 50 Nor do you consider that it is profitable for you that one man should die for the people, and the whole nation not perish."
- 51 (Now he did not say this from himself, but being high priest in that year, he prophesied that Jesus was going to die for the nation,
- 52 and not for the nation only, but also that the children of God who are scattered would be gathered into one.)
- 53 So from that day they resolved that they should kill him.
- 54 So Jesus was no longer walking openly among the Jews, but went away from there to the region near the wilderness, to a city called Ephraim, and there he stayed with the disciples.

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