

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

Luke 11:37–54

37 As he spoke, a Pharisee invited Jesus to have a meal with him, so he went in and took his place at the table.
 38 The Pharisee was astonished when he saw that Jesus did not first wash his hands before the meal.
 39 But the Lord said to him, “Now you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and the plate, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness.
 40 You fools! Didn’t the one who made the outside make the inside as well?
 41 But give from your heart to those in need, and then everything will be clean for you.
 42 “But woe to you Pharisees! You give a tenth of your mint, rue, and every herb, yet you neglect justice and love for God! But you should have done these things without neglecting the others. [cf. [Mic 6:8](#)]
 43 Woe to you Pharisees! You love the best seats in the synagogues and elaborate greetings in the marketplaces!
 44 Woe to you! You are like unmarked graves, and people walk over them without realizing it!” [cf. [Num 19:11–22](#)]
 45 One of the experts in religious law answered him, “Teacher, when you say these things you insult us too.”
 46 But Jesus replied, “Woe to you experts in religious law as well! You load people down with burdens difficult to bear, yet you yourselves refuse to touch the burdens with even one of your fingers!
 47 Woe to you! You build the tombs of the prophets whom your ancestors killed.
 48 So you testify that you approve of the deeds of your ancestors, because they killed the prophets and you build their tombs!
 49 For this reason also the wisdom of God said, ‘I will send them prophets and apostles, some of whom they will kill and persecute,’
 50 so that this generation may be held accountable for the blood of all the prophets that has been shed since the beginning of the world,
 51 from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who was killed between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, I tell you, it will be charged against this generation. [cf. [2 Chr 24:20–25](#)]
 52 Woe to you experts in religious law! You have taken away the key to knowledge! You did not go in yourselves, and you hindered those who were going in.”
 53 When he went out from there, the experts in the law and the Pharisees began to oppose him bitterly, and to ask him hostile questions about many things,
 54 plotting against him, to catch him in something he might say.

Late Judean Ministry—Jesus’ Warnings (November 32)

Luke 12

Beware the Leaven of the Pharisees

1 Meanwhile, when many thousands of the crowd had gathered so that they were trampling on one another, Jesus began to speak first to his disciples, “Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.
 2 Nothing is hidden that will not be revealed, and nothing is secret that will not be made known.
 3 So then whatever you have said in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have whispered in private rooms will be proclaimed from the housetops.

Fear God

4 “I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have nothing more they can do.
 5 But I will warn you whom you should fear: Fear the one who, after the killing, has authority to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him!
 6 Aren’t five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten before God.
 7 In fact, even the hairs on your head are all numbered. Do not be afraid; you are more valuable than many sparrows.

Acknowledge Christ Before Men

8 “I tell you, whoever acknowledges me before men, the Son of Man will also acknowledge before God’s angels.
 9 But the one who denies me before men will be denied before God’s angels.
 10 And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but the person who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven.
 11 But when they bring you before the synagogues, the rulers, and the authorities, do not worry about how you should make your defense or what you should say,
 12 for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that moment what you must say.”

Parable of the Rich Fool

13 Then someone from the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”
 14 But Jesus said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator between you two?”
 15 Then he said to them, “Watch out and guard yourself from all types of greed, because one’s life does not consist in the

abundance of his possessions.”

16 He then told them a parable: “The land of a certain rich man produced an abundant crop,

17 so he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’

18 Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.

19 And I will say to myself, “You have plenty of goods stored up for many years; relax, eat, drink, celebrate!”

20 But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded back from you, but who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’

21 So it is with the one who stores up riches for himself, but is not rich toward God.”

Do Not Worry

22 Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear.

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

24 Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn, yet God feeds them. How much more valuable are you than the birds!

25 And which of you by worrying can add an hour to his life?

26 So if you cannot do such a very little thing as this, why do you worry about the rest?

27 Consider how the flowers grow; they do not work or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his glory was clothed like one of these!

28 And if this is how God clothes the wild grass, which is here today and tomorrow is tossed into the fire to heat the oven, how much more will he clothe you, you people of little faith!

29 So do not be overly concerned about what you will eat and what you will drink, and do not worry about such things.

30 For all the nations of the world pursue these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

31 Instead, pursue his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

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

33 Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide yourselves purses that do not wear out—a treasure in heaven that never decreases, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys.

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

Parable of the Faithful and Foolish Slaves

35 “Get dressed for service and keep your lamps burning;

36 be like people waiting for their master to come back from the wedding celebration, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him.

37 Blessed are those slaves whom their master finds alert when he returns! I tell you the truth, he will dress himself to serve, have them take their place at the table, and will come and wait on them!

38 Even if he comes in the second or third watch of the night and finds them alert, blessed are those slaves!

39 But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into.

40 You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.”

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

42 The Lord replied, “Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom the master puts in charge of his household servants, to give them their allowance of food at the proper time?

43 Blessed is that slave whom his master finds at work when he returns.

44 I tell you the truth, the master will put him in charge of all his possessions.

45 But if that slave should say to himself, ‘My master is delayed in returning,’ and he begins to beat the other slaves, both men and women, and to eat, drink, and get drunk,

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

47 That servant who knew his master’s will but did not get ready or do what his master asked will receive a severe beating.

48 But the one who did not know his master’s will and did things worthy of punishment will receive a light beating. From everyone who has been given much, much will be required, and from the one who has been entrusted with much, even more will be asked.

Christ Brings Division, Not Peace

49 “I have come to bring fire on the earth—and how I wish it were already kindled!

50 I have a baptism to undergo, and how distressed I am until it is finished!

51 Do you think I have come to bring peace on 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 Jesus also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, ‘A rainstorm is coming,’ and it does.

55 And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and there is.

56 You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky, but how can you not know how to interpret the present time?

Judge What is Right

57 “And why don’t you judge for yourselves what is right?

58 As you are going with your accuser before the magistrate, make an effort to settle with him on the way, so that he will not drag you before the judge, and the judge hand you over to the officer, and the officer throw you into prison.

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

Late Judean Ministry—Repent or Perish (November 32)

Luke 13:1–9

1 Now there were some present on that occasion who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices.

2 He answered them, “Do you think these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other 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 who were killed when the tower in Siloam fell on them, do you think they were worse offenders than all the others who live in Jerusalem?

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

6 Then Jesus told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it and found none.

7 So he said to the worker who tended the vineyard, ‘For three years now, I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and each time I inspect it I find none. Cut it down! Why should it continue to deplete the soil?’

8 But the worker answered him, ‘Sir, leave it alone this year too, until I dig around it and put fertilizer on it.

9 Then if it bears fruit next year, very well, 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 a woman was there who had been disabled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten herself up completely.

12 When Jesus saw her, he called her to him and said, “Woman, you are freed from your infirmity.”

13 Then he placed his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God.

14 But the president of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the crowd, “There are six days on which work should be done! So come and be healed on those days, and not on the Sabbath day.”

15 Then the Lord answered him, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from its stall, and lead it to water?

16 Then shouldn’t this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be released from this imprisonment on the Sabbath day?”

17 When he said this all his adversaries were humiliated, but the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things he was doing.

18 Thus Jesus asked, “What is the kingdom of God like? To what should I compare it?

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

20 Again he said, “To what should I compare the kingdom of God?

21 It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of flour until all the dough had risen.”

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