

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

Luke 16:1–13

1 Jesus also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who was informed of accusations that his manager was wasting his assets.
 2 So he called the manager in and said to him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Turn in the account of your administration, because you can no longer be my manager.’
 3 Then the manager said to himself, ‘What should I do, since my master is taking my position away from me? I’m not strong enough to dig, and I’m too ashamed to beg.
 4 I know what to do so that when I am put out of management, people will welcome me into their homes.’
 5 So he contacted his master’s debtors one by one. He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’
 6 The man replied, ‘A hundred measures of olive oil.’ The manager said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and write fifty.’
 7 Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ The second man replied, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ The manager said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’
 8 The master commended the dishonest manager because he acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their contemporaries than the people of light.
 9 And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by how you use worldly wealth, so that when it runs out you will be welcomed into the eternal homes.
 10 “The one who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and the one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much.
 11 If then you haven’t been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will entrust you with the true riches?
 12 And if you haven’t been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you your own?
 13 No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot 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 The Pharisees (who loved money) heard all this and ridiculed him.
 15 But Jesus said to them, “You are the ones who justify yourselves in men’s eyes, but God knows your hearts. For what is highly prized among men is utterly detestable in God’s sight.
 16 “The law and the prophets were until John; since then, the good news of the kingdom of God has been proclaimed, and everyone is urged to enter it.
 17 But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one tiny stroke of a letter in the law to become void.
 18 “Everyone who divorces his wife and marries someone else commits adultery, and the one who marries a woman divorced from her husband commits adultery.

Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus

19 “There was a rich man who dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day.
 20 But at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus whose body was covered with sores,
 21 who longed to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. In addition, the dogs came and licked his sores.
 22 “Now the poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried.
 23 And in hell, as he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far off with Lazarus at his side.
 24 So he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in anguish in this fire.’
 25 But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus likewise bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in anguish.
 26 Besides all this, a great chasm has been fixed between us, so that those who want to cross over from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’
 27 So the rich man said, ‘Then I beg you, father—send Lazarus to my father’s house
 28 (for I have five brothers) to warn them so that they don’t come into this place of torment.’
 29 But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they must respond to them.’
 30 Then the rich man said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’
 31 He replied to him, ‘If they do not respond to Moses and the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

Perean Ministry—Four Lessons on Discipleship (early 33)

Luke 17:1–10

- 1 Jesus said to his disciples, “Stumbling blocks are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come!
- 2 It would be better for him to have a millstone tied around his neck and be thrown into the sea than for him to cause one of these little ones to sin.
- 3 Watch yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him. If he repents, forgive him.
- 4 Even if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times returns to you saying, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive him.”
- 5 The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!”
- 6 So the Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this black mulberry tree, ‘Be pulled out by the roots and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.
- 7 “Would any one of you say to your slave who comes in from the field after plowing or shepherding sheep, ‘Come at once and sit down for a meal’?
- 8 Won’t the master instead say to him, ‘Get my dinner ready, and make yourself ready to serve me while I eat and drink. Then you may eat and drink’?
- 9 He won’t thank the slave because he did what he was told, will he?
- 10 So you too, when you have done everything you were commanded to do, should say, ‘We are slaves undeserving of special praise; we have only done what was our duty.’”

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

John 11:1–44

The Death of Lazarus

- 1 Now a certain man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village where Mary and her sister Martha lived.
- 2 (Now it was Mary who anointed the Lord with perfumed oil and wiped his feet dry with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.)
- 3 So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, “Lord, look, the one you love is sick.”
- 4 When Jesus heard this, he said, “This sickness will not lead to death, but to God’s glory, so 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 Lazarus was sick, he remained in the place where he was for two more days.
- 7 Then after this, he said to his disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.”
- 8 The disciples replied, “Rabbi, the Jewish leaders were just now trying to stone you to death! Are you going there again?”
- 9 Jesus replied, “Are there not twelve hours in a day? If anyone walks around in the daytime, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world.
- 10 But if anyone walks around at night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.”
- 11 After he said this, he added, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep. But I am going there to awaken him.”
- 12 Then the disciples replied, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.”
- 13 (Now Jesus had been talking about his death, but they thought he had been talking about real sleep.)
- 14 Then Jesus told 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 So Thomas (called Didymus) said to his fellow disciples, “Let us go too, so that we may die with him.”

Martha and Mary Speak With Jesus Outside Bethany

- 17 When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had been in the tomb four days already.
- 18 (Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem,
- 19 so many of the Jewish people of the region had come to Martha and Mary to console them over the loss of their brother.)
- 20 So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary was sitting in the house.
- 21 Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.
- 22 But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will grant you.”
- 23 Jesus replied, “Your brother will come back to life again.”
- 24 Martha said, “I know that he will come back to life 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 will live even if he dies,
- 26 and the one who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”
- 27 She replied, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God who comes into the world.”
- 28 And when she had said this, Martha went and called her sister Mary, saying privately, “The Teacher is here and is asking for you.”
- 29 So when Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him.
- 30 (Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still in the place where Martha had come out to meet him.)

- 31 Then the people who were with Mary in the house consoling her saw her get up quickly and go out. They followed her, because they thought she was going to the tomb to weep there.
- 32 Now when Mary came to the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”
- 33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the people who had come with her weeping, he was intensely moved in spirit and greatly distressed.
- 34 He asked, “Where have you laid him?” They replied, “Lord, come and see.”
- 35 Jesus wept.
- 36 Thus the people who had come to mourn said, “Look how much he loved him!”
- 37 But some of them said, “This is the man who caused the blind man to see! Couldn’t he have done something to keep Lazarus from dying?”

Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead

- 38 Jesus, intensely moved again, came to the tomb. (Now it was a cave, and a stone was placed across it.)
- 39 Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the deceased, replied, “Lord, by this time the body will have a bad smell, because he has been buried four days.”
- 40 Jesus responded, “Didn’t I tell you that if you believe, you would see the glory of God?”
- 41 So they took away the stone. Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you that you have listened to me.
- 42 I knew that you always listen to me, but I said this for the sake of the crowd standing around here, that they may believe that you sent me.”
- 43 When he had said this, he shouted in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”
- 44 The one who had died came out, his feet and hands tied up with strips of cloth, and a cloth wrapped around his face. Jesus said to them, “Unwrap him and let him go.”

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

John 11:45–54

- 45 Then many of the people, who had come with Mary and had seen the things Jesus did, believed in him.
- 46 But some of them went to the Pharisees and reported to them what Jesus had done.
- 47 So the chief priests and the Pharisees called the council together and said, “What are we doing? For this man is performing many miraculous 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 our sanctuary and our nation.”
- 49 Then one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said, “You know nothing at all!
- 50 You do not realize that it is more to your advantage to have one man die for the people than for the whole nation to perish.”
- 51 (Now he did not say this on his own, but because he was high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus was going to die for the Jewish nation,
- 52 and not for the Jewish nation only, but to gather together into one the children of God who are scattered.)
- 53 So from that day they planned together to kill him.
- 54 Thus Jesus no longer went around publicly among the Judeans, but went away from there to the region near the wilderness, to a town called Ephraim, and stayed there with his disciples.

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