The Last Week of the Lord's Life

Class 1 – The King's Entry



Parable of the Nobleman

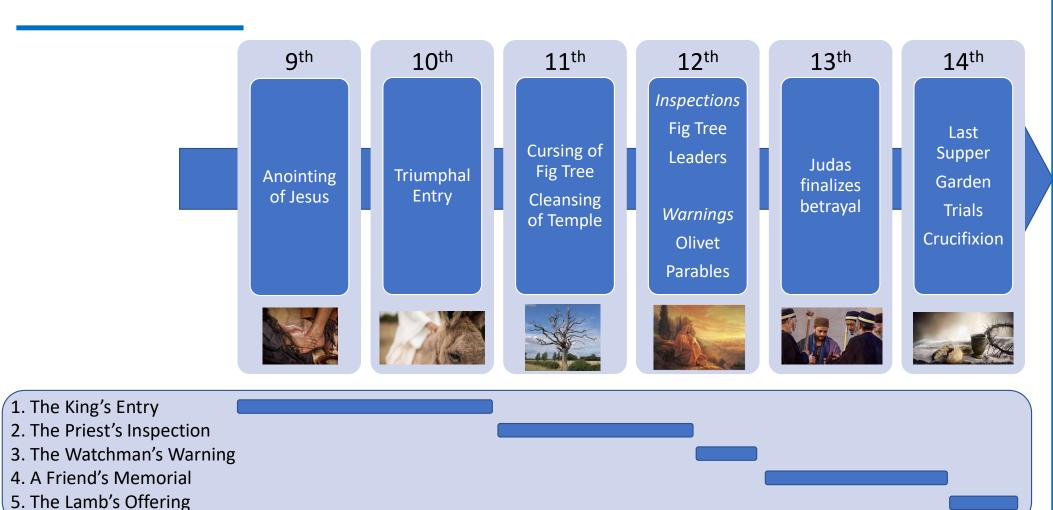
Reasons for Parable (Lk 19:11):

- 1) Jerusalem proximity to the city and thinking about Jesus as King
- 2) Expectation thought that Jesus would become king 'immediately', but it would be a while...

Archelaus	Lk 19	Parable of Nobleman	Meaning
Goes to Rome to gain kingdom	v.12	King travels to receive kingdom	Jesus will ascend to heaven
Left supporters to manage affairs	v.13	Each servant given a 'pound'	Same gospel message to each servant
	v.13	Engage in business till he returns	Use gospel to save lives
Delegation of 50 Jews	v.14	Certain servants reject	Jesus rejected by many (Jn 19:15)
Loyalists supported	v.17	Other servants 'good' & 'faithful'	Actively preach & increase for Christ (Acts 1:8)
Rewarded loyalists	v.15-26	Servants called 1 st to give account	Judgment begins w/ saints - Faithful rewarded (v.16-19) - Wicked destroyed (v.20-26)
Destroyed resistors	v.27	After, those who rejected destroyed	Judgment on others follows

Jesus' last week is all about making a choice... He is coming back. How will we occupy till he comes?

Last Week of the Lord's Life - Outline



The Chronology — key verses marking each day

6 days prior

Jn 12:1 "six days before the Passover"

5 days prior

Jn 12:12 "next day"

4 days prior

Mk 11:12 "on the morrow"

3 days prior

Mk 11:19,20 "when even was come", "in the morning"

2 days prior

- Matt 26:2 "after two days is the Passover"
- Mk 14:1 "after two days was the Passover"

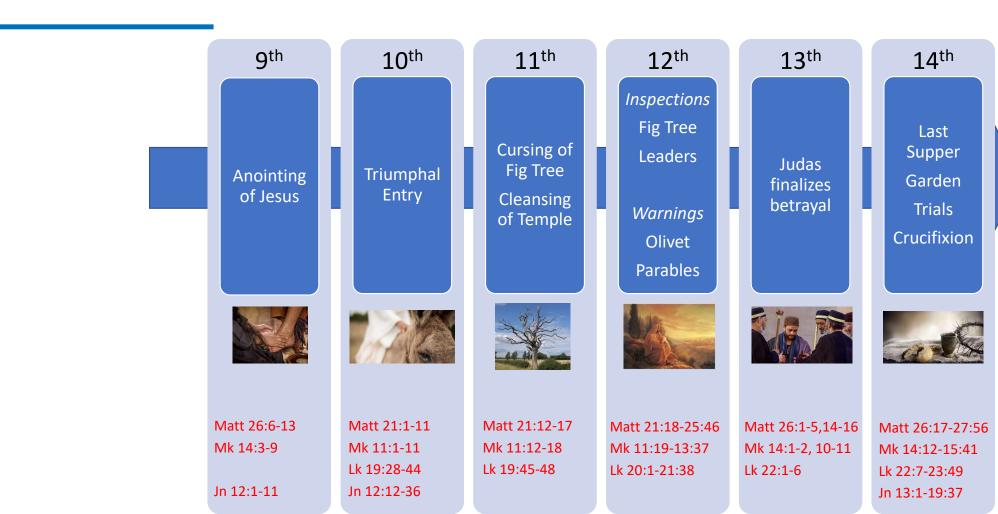
1 day prior

- Matt 26:17 "first day of the feast of unleavened bread"
- Mk 14:12 "first day of unleavened bread, when they killed the Passover"
- Lk 22:7 "day of unleavened bread, when the Passover must be killed"

Passover (15th of Abib)

- Matt 27:57 "when the even was come"
- Mk 15:42 "now when the even was come, because it was the preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath"
- Lk 23:54 "that day was the preparation, and the sabbath drew on"
- Jn 19:31 "it was the preparation"

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- 2) Law
- 3) People
- 4) Land

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- 1) King: Showing himself as true king/ruler from line of David
 - Anointed on day prior as type of king/priest (Matt 26:7; cp Melchizedek Gen 14:18; Heb 7:1-2)
 - Kings anointed (1 Sam 16:12-13)
 - Priests anointed (Ex 29:7; 30:30)
 - Entry into Jerusalem as king (Zech 9:9; Matt 21:9; Psa 118:25-26; Gen 49:10-11)
 - Rides on donkey (Zech 9:9; 1 Kings 1:33; Jn 12:15)
 - Garments put on donkey (2 Kings 9:13)
 - Son of David (Matt 21:9)
 - Blessed be the king (Lk 19:38)
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- 2) Law: Demonstrating his authority as great HP by cleansing his Father's house
 - Attempt to re-establish proper worship 'house of prayer for all nations!' (Mk 11:17)
 - Role of priest to inspect house for leprosy (Mk 11:11 cp Lev 14:36-38)
 - Lamented that Israel didn't know time of 'inspection' (Lk 19:44)
 - Cast out leaven from the house (Mk 11:15 cp Lev 14:36 'empty house')
 - Jewish HP very angry about challenge to authority (Mk 11:18; Mt 21:15; Lk 19:47; Lk 20:1-2)
 - Priest responsible for teaching the Law 'astonished at his doctrine' (Mk 11:18 cp Mal 2:7)
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- 2) Law
- 3) People: His subjects were all who would answer his call... 'the whole world!' (Jn 12:19)
 - Jew & Gentile were drawn nigh by the blood of Christ (Eph 2:13)
 - Bethany and Bethphage 2 cities (Lk 19:29)
 - 2 disciples sent 2 disciples (Lk 19:29; Matt 21:1)
 - Place 2 ways met 2 ways (Mk 11:4)
 - Donkey and Colt 2 animals (Matt 21:2)
 - Jews and Greeks 2 peoples (Mk 11:9-10; Jn 12:9, 20)
 - House of prayer for all nations all (Mk 11:17)
 - 2 animals bound 2 bound (Matt 21:2 cp Gen 49:11)
 - Significance
 - 2 becoming 1 in Christ (Eph 2:11, 13-19)
 - 2 peoples grafted into 1 tree (Rom 11:17, 19, 23-25)
 - He is Lord of all Jew and Greek (Rom 10:12)
 - Salvation is available to all mankind (Jn 12:26,32)
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- 4) Land: Establishing that Jerusalem was the city of the Great King (Matt 5:35; Psa 48:2)
 - Jesus entering Jerusalem (Mk 11:11) indicated he was king of Jerusalem (1 Kings 1:33, 38, 44)
 - Fulfilled OT prophecy... "O daughter of Jerusalem: behold thy king cometh!" (Zech 9:9)
 - Jesus gives parable of vineyard in response to question of authority... it's my vineyard!! (Lk 20:9-18)

Jesus' entry into Jerusalem showed he was the king/priest of the future kingdom

The King's Entry – why now?



Jesus was providing a proper vision of the kingdom to the people... different than expected

Founded upon:

- Humility (Zech 9:9)
- Salvation by 'saving himself' (Zech 9:9; Matt 21:9 & Psa 118:25 "save now")
- Purity in worship (Mark 11:15-17)
- Availability to anyone (Jn 12:19, 26, 32)

Requirements: Individuals must

- Respond to the call (Mk 11:2,4)
- Cast off old (Mk 11:7) garments
- Allow Christ to rule in hearts (Mk 11:7 'sat upon him')

Key Elements	Rejected	Accepted
1) Belief	Not believe on him (Jn 12:37,39,47)	Believe on him (Jn 12:42,44,46)
2) Public Identification	Love praise of men (Jn 12:42-43) & abide in darkness (Jn 12:46)	Love praise of God (Jn 12:42) & come out of darkness (Jn 12:46)

Last week of Jesus is all about making a choice... what choice will we make?

The King's Entry – Summary



- Nobleman: Jesus has received the kingdom and is coming back
 - What business are we involved in?
- Bartimaeus: Going to Jesus enables us to see clearly & join Jesus 'in the way'
 - Are we blinded by our own expectations?
- Mary: Focus on 'do what we can'... nothing is too much when giving to the Lord
 - Are we filled with inspiration or indignation?
- King's Entry: Receive, repent, let him rule... we must decide
 - Are we rejoicers or rejectors?

Let's spend this week with Jesus assessing our walk and choose to be with him