



Synopsis

A snapshot of the chapter

Chapter 19 begins in Jericho, the last evangelistic stop on the road to Bethany and Jerusalem. The “pre-passion” ministry of Jesus comes to a close and events leading to the final week before His crucifixion begins. The first activity is focused on Jesus’ encounter with Zacchaeus, a publican at Jericho, who makes special efforts to see Jesus. Then approaching Jerusalem, Jesus tells a parable about a master who before he went away gave ten valuable coins to ten of her servants and expected them to use them wisely. The second half of the chapter is about Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem at the beginning of the week before His crucifixion. At that point, the people received Him as a celebrity. Jesus wept, however, over the city and then went to the temple and drove out the merchandisers who abused God’s house.

Observation—What do you see?

Important Person(s):

Main Event(s):

Study Questions:

- 1. How should we evaluate the character of Zacchaeus?*
- 2. What lessons are contained in Jesus’ parable about the servants who were given money?*
- 3. When Jesus entered Jerusalem, what did the people seem to think of Him?*
- 4. Why did Jesus weep over the city of Jerusalem?*
- 5. How should we evaluate Jesus casting merchants out of the temple; and how were they abusing it?*

Questions:

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- 2.
- 3.