

Living a Christ-Centered Life

LESSON 19: A Christ-Centered Person Fully Accepts Jesus

In Ch. 19, Jesus is on his way through Jericho and to Jerusalem to die. At this point many people believed that Jesus was the Messiah. Some were willing to change their lives. Some were very vocal about their acceptance of Jesus as the coming King. Others, however, refused to believe and actually did what they could to get rid of Jesus. Have you fully accepted Jesus?

Question to consider:

1. What does it mean to believe or accept Jesus as your king?
2. If Jesus is your king, what changes in your life have you had to make?

Word Study Challenge: What do these words teach us about accepting Jesus as King?

V.9 "Salvation"

V.10 "Lost"

V.27 "Enemies"

Read Luke 19:1-9

1. In v.9 Jesus said that "salvation has come" to Zacchaeus' house.
 - What was Jesus' reaction to Zacchaeus' faith?
 - What is the evidence that Zacchaeus accepted Jesus as his king?
2. Did salvation come to Zacchaeus before or after he accepted Jesus by his deeds of repentance? What is the significance of this?

Read Luke 19:11-27

3. What is the point of the parable about the king and his servants? Why did Jesus say it? To whom was he referring?
4. All metaphors aside, what was taken away from the unfaithful servants and why?
5. What does it mean to be an "enemy" of the King Jesus? See v.27.

Read Luke 19:37-47

6. Compare the two groups of people – one set of believers & one set of disbelievers. What did they say about Jesus? What was their response to him?
7. What did Jesus call those who did not believe? What did he say was going to be their fate?