

**56 – Luke 19:11-27 – Use it well for the kingdom****Almost there**

... heightened expectations about what is going to happen when Jesus gets to Jerusalem.

**A real life event**

King Herod the Great ... transferred to his 3 sons.

... Archelaus, assembled a group to go and petition Ceasar in Rome to give him the kingship.

... things did not go as Archelaus had hoped.

... many opposed to his kingship argued he was inept, corrupt and was wrecking a prosperous land with corruption.

Jesus told a parable

verse 11, ... this parable is to counter the thinking that the kingdom of God was going to appear as soon as they get to Jerusalem.

**What does it mean?**

One of the dangers = we try to synthesize this parable with another similar parable Jesus told in Mat 25.

The second danger = trying to understand this parable as a separate unrelated story that is understood out of the context of the rest of Luke's gospel.

The third danger = trying to see exact parallels between the 'real life' events with Archelaus and the parable.

**1) The heart and mission of Jesus**

Firstly, ... Jesus doing the impossible and bringing salvation to the one who you would least expect it.

Luke 19:10 ... Jesus came to seek and save the lost.

**2) The response to Jesus as king**

Pharisees and the teachers of the law and to their response towards Jesus as king.

... Luke 11

Jesus highlights the opposition of many who have seen and heard Jesus but they refused to repent before him.

... Luke 10.

**Luke 18:8 ... he will bring his swift justice and therefore his swift judgment on those opposed to him.**

**... Luke 19:27**

**3) Using the gospel we have been given**

**... speaking about Jesus who will return as king and the thing of value Jesus leaves his servants to put to work while he is away, is the work of the kingdom... the sharing of the gospel.**

### **For us today?**

**Firstly, it is not a parable about the rich been given more if they use it well and choose the right investments for money given to them.**

**The second thing we should see from this passage is that it is about using the gift the king gives to do the king's work.**

**Are we seeking and saving the lost with the gospel entrusted to us by our king?**

**My one thing – 1 minute**

**Qu: In this coming week what are you going to do to use the gospel to grow the kingdom?**