

Sermon Notes, February 28, 2010

Jesus—The Rejected Lover

Luke 13:31-13:35

“On My Own”

*I love him But every day I'm lonely
All my life I've only been pretending
Without me, his world will go on turning
The world is full of happiness that I have never known
I love him . . . But only on my own.
—Sung by Eponine about Marius in Les Miserables*

Jesus, the Rejected Lover _____

THREE TRUTHS ABOUT JESUS’ LOVE

1. Jesus is a _____ Lover.

(Luke 13:31-33 NLT) *A few minutes later some Pharisees said to him, "Get out of here if you want to live, because Herod Antipas wants to kill you!" {32} Jesus replied, "Go tell that fox that I will keep on casting out demons and doing miracles of healing today and tomorrow; and the third day I will accomplish my purpose. {33} Yes, today, tomorrow, and the next day I must proceed on my way. For it wouldn't do for a prophet of God to be killed except in Jerusalem!*

2. Jesus is a _____ Lover.

(Luke 13:34 NLT) *"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones God's messengers! How often I have wanted to gather your children together as a hen protects her chicks beneath her wings, but you wouldn't let me.*

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(Luke 13:34-35 NLT) *"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones God's messengers! How often I have wanted to gather your children together as a hen protects her chicks beneath her wings, but you wouldn't let me. {35} And now look, your house is left to you empty. And you will never see me again until you say, 'Bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord!'"*

The Power to Choose (vs. 34).

- “ . . . but you were not willing!” (NIV)
- “ . . . and you would not!” (RVS)
- “ . . . and you would not have it!” (NASB)
- “ . . . but you refused and turned away!” (Message)

[References for today’s sermon include Leon Morris, Norval Geldenhuys, and David Dykes].

Sermon-based Small Group Discussion Guide

Week of February 28, 2010

Luke 13:31-35; Gen.15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philip.3:17-4:1

Icebreaker: What city have you enjoyed the most? What city would you like to visit?

1. Do you think that the Pharisees were really interested in protecting Jesus? Why?
2. When Jesus said, “Go tell that fox . . . ,” what does it tell us about the relationship between the Pharisees and Herod? What does that say about the integrity of the Pharisees?
3. From the sermon and any knowledge or research you have done, who was Herod Antipas? Was he someone to be feared?
4. Jesus called Herod a fox. What did he mean by that?
5. Herod is the only person on record that Jesus treated with contempt. What does that say about Herod? What does that say about Jesus?
6. When Jesus went before Herod at his trial, Jesus was silent when Herod questioned him (Lk.23:8ff). What do you think it means when Jesus has nothing to say to a man?
7. Jesus was bold and fearless in response to Herod (32-33). What made him fearless?
8. Verses 34-35 are called a lament. What is a lament and why is Jesus lamenting?
9. Why was Jesus focusing on Jerusalem?
10. Israel had a history of rejecting prophets (1 Kings 19:10; 2 Chronicles 24:19; Jeremiah 2:30; 26:20-23). Why would Jesus bringing that up now?
11. Pastor Mark spoke about the significance of Jesus illustration of the hen and her chicks, something familiar to his audience. What meaning did that have for Jerusalem?
12. What would it mean for each of us to gather under Jesus’ wings?
13. What are the consequences of rejecting Jesus love and protection (vs.35)?
14. Jesus mentions the future in verse 35. When will we see Jesus again?

Prayer

Pray for rescuers working in Haiti.

Pray for one another.