

Not What I Wanted

Luke 19:11-27

Luke 19:11 sets the stage for the purpose and meaning of this parable of Jesus. The crowds want Jesus to be their-kind of Messiah, their-kind of Deliverer.

CHARACTERS

- Nobleman/King: Jesus
- Servants: Christians
- Citizens: The lost living in Jesus' world

#1 - The Nobleman Departs, Luke 19:12-14

In these three verses, Jesus, the Nobleman, departs for a distant country to receive a kingdom for Himself. A journey in which He will surely return to reign. At the time of this teaching, Jesus is a little over a month away from leaving Earth for Heaven. Today, we await His physical return to rule over all humanity on Earth.

Before departing, verse 13 tells us that He turns to His servants and gives them an assignment during His absence. What is that assignment? “Do business with this until I come back.” His servants are to be busy doing His work until He returns.

Then there are the citizens of the Nobleman's kingdom in verse 14. It says they hated him and didn't want him to rule over them. For Jesus, He would see people who on Sunday praised Him and celebrated Him—would turn around just days later and say, “Crucify Him!”

#2 - The King Returns, Luke 19:15-26

Before the Nobleman had left, he gave all ten of his servants an ample supply of resources with which to do his business. When he returns, the story focuses on three of them.

Two of the servants had been productive for the king. They had taken what the king had given them and made good use of it. While the total of their work's results were different, the king rewarded each of these two faithful servants.

Then comes the third servant. He had nothing of profit to show for his master. The implication was that the servant did not really expect the king to come back. He was not at all concerned about the king's return so he did not bother with the king's business.

#3 - The King's Enemies Are Slain, Luke 19:27

For the citizens in Jesus' story, they thought they could hate and reject the king without any consequence. Today, people hate and reject Jesus. They say, "He's Not What I Wanted." But in the end, the King will return and judge them for their rejection and sin.