

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What does the term “occupy” refer to in verse 13?
2. What have we been given stewardship over?
3. What losses could be incurred by not being a good steward?
4. What elements could inhibit our being good, effective stewards?

### SUMMARY:

We as believers have been directed to occupy, or take possession, of Christ’s Kingdom on earth until He returns (vs. 13). We have been given responsibilities and authorities to not only protect and preserve that kingdom but to see to it that it might prosper through the exercising of our talents along with spiritual wisdom and integrity. How quickly His kingdom would deteriorate if we each would “wrap our talents in a napkin” - how greatly it would thrive if each of us would strive to bring in tenfold! Our God has given His best for us, shall we not in return give our best back to Him?

### NOTES:

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #9

February 29, 2004

First Quarter

### SERVING CHRIST

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**LESSON TEXT:** *Luke 19:11-27*

**LESSON SETTING:** In the vicinity of Jerusalem.

**TIME:** Approximately 33 A.D.

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- I. RESPONSIBILITIES ASSIGNED.** Luke 19:11-14
  - A. Opportunity for Service. Matthew 9:37; Matthew 25:34-40; John 4:35; 1 Corinthians 16:9-10
  - B. Stewardship. 1 Corinthians 4:2; 6:20; Ephesians 6:7; 1 Peter 4:10
- II. FAITHFULNESS REWARDED.** Luke 19:15-19
  - A. Accountability. Romans 12:3-8; 14:12; Ephesians 4:7
  - B. Progress. Job 17:9; Psalm 92:12; Proverbs 4:18; 13:4; Ephesians 3:17-19
  - C. Commendation, Honor and Reward. Daniel 12:3; Matthew 5:11-12; 10:42; Luke 6:35; 21:3
- III. UNFAITHFULNESS PUNISHED.** Luke 19:20-27
  - A. Lack of Fruitfulness and Faithfulness. Matthew 3:10; 13:22; Luke 16:10-13; Hebrews 6:8
  - B. Excuses. Proverbs 22:13; Matthew 25:44; Luke 14:18-20
  - C. Condemnation, Judgment, and Punishment. Psalm 11:6; Malachi 4:1; Matthew 12:36; Mark 3:29; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Revelation 14:11; 20:15

***GOLDEN TEXT: FOR WHOSOEVER HATH, TO HIM SHALL BE GIVEN, AND HE SHALL HAVE MORE ABUNDANCE: BUT WHOSOEVER HATH NOT FROM HIM SHALL BE TAKEN AWAY EVEN THAT HE HATH.***  
Matthew 13:12

**NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON:** Luke 19:28-44

**SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES:** Psalm 24:1-10; 118:19-29;  
Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11;  
John 12:12-19

**QUARTERLY THEME:** Christ, the Son of Man

**TOPIC:** WELCOMING CHRIST

**INTRODUCTION:**

As Christ was riding toward Jerusalem, we marvel at the words of the multitude of the disciples. "Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven and glory in the highest." (Luke 19:38) They thought He was going to Jerusalem to set up an earthly kingdom, and how they rejoiced. Their joy was short lived; as yet they could not understand all that was involved. In place of making Christ their King, He was crucified. They did not grasp the meaning of the cross.

Jesus' riding into Jerusalem was symbolic of His forming His eternal kingdom, the entrance of which was—through the cross—a passport. The people wanted a kingdom without a cross, but this was not God's plan. He has set up His kingdom and we are all invited to enter in, but we can only do so by way of the cross. Then Christ truly becomes our King, not only Saviour, but our King to whom all homage is due, that is, completely yielding self to Him.

**CENTRAL TRUTH:** Joy awaits those who accept Christ; tragedy for those who reject Him.

***GOLDEN TEXT: BLESSED BE THE KING THAT COMETH IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD.***

Luke 19:38

Those who proclaimed Jesus as King, were right in so believing, yet were to be disappointed. Christ truly was and is a King who came in the name of God, His Father. But the time for Him to receive His kingdom was not yet at hand. As He said after His resurrection, "Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into His glory?" (Luke 24:26) His death and resurrection were ordained by God to make it possible for us to be born into His kingdom. Unless He is first our Saviour, He cannot be our King. He is now in His place with God the Creator, awaiting the time for His appearance, "and He is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things He might have the preeminence." (Colossians 1:18)

If we are His subjects, citizens of His kingdom, perhaps soon we can also proclaim Him, "Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of our Lord."

Christ, my King draws near in glory  
Which was His ere time began;  
Fairest of the hosts of heaven  
Shines the mighty Son of Man!  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah!  
Welcome, Lord, unto Thy throne!  
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Welcome, Lord, unto Thy throne! (Z.H. 284)

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF March 1 - 7**

- M. God's Pardon Promised. Leviticus 26:40-45
- T. Israel's Troubles Foretold. Deuteronomy 28:15-29
- W. Welcoming the Ark. 2 Samuel 6:1-15
- T. The Great Welcome. Psalm 24:1-10
- F. Christ's Welcome Foretold. Psalm 118:19-29
- S. \*Jesus Welcomed. Luke 19:28-36
- S. \*Jesus' Teaching. Luke 19:37-48