

# Message Notes

**Don't delay in the delay!**

# Scripture Passages

*(taken from the New International Version)*

**Introduction** - "Enron - The poorly managed"

Today's Message:  
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Luke 19:11-27

**The Context** - *Why this parable?*

**The Cultural Headline** - *Archelaus*

**The Two Faithful Servants**

- *Lavish generosity*

- *Access to the King*

**The "Other One"**

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**What has God given you?**

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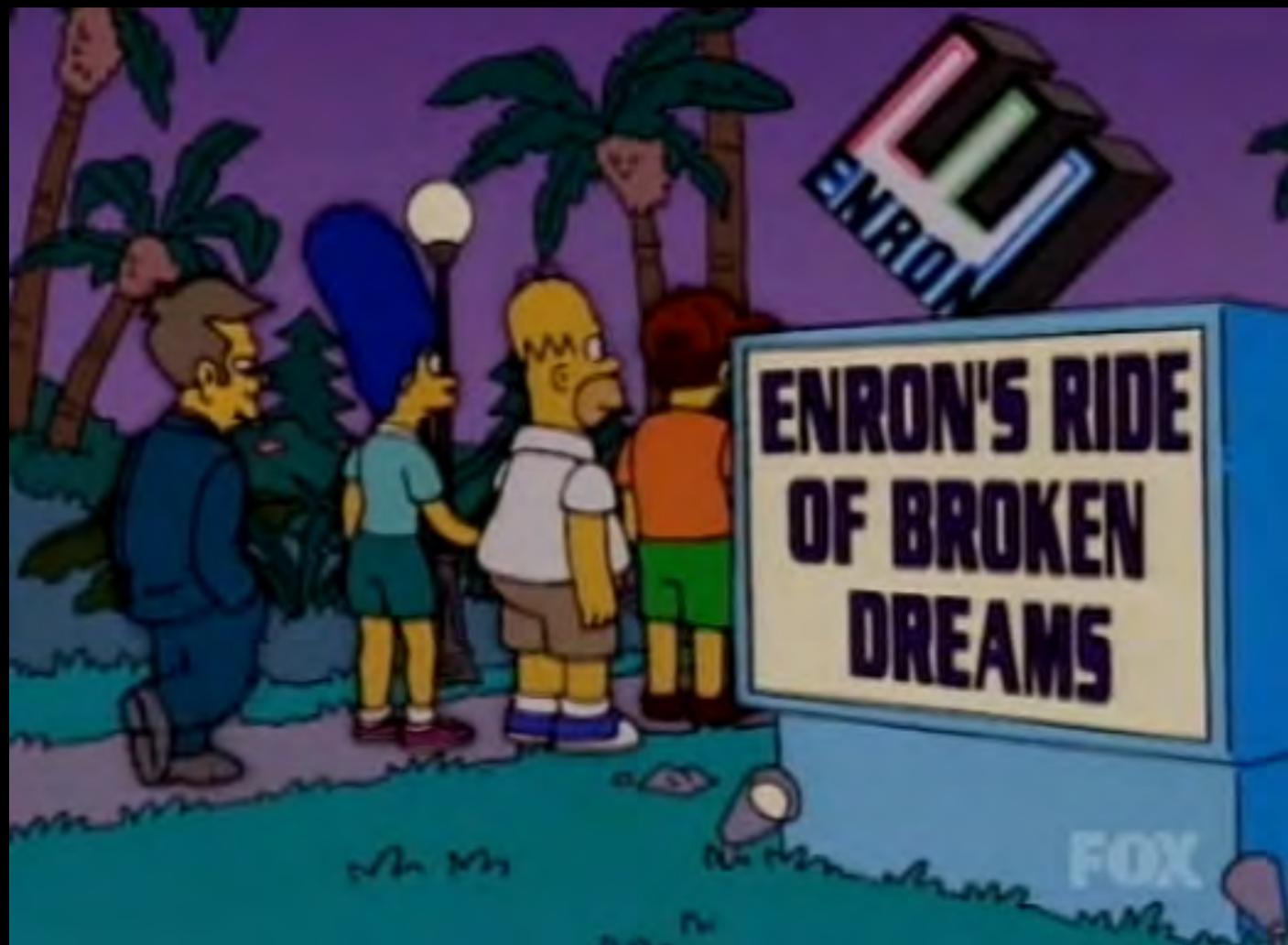
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The Gospel of  
**LUKE**

Setting His Face to Jerusalem

Luke 9:51 to Luke 19:44

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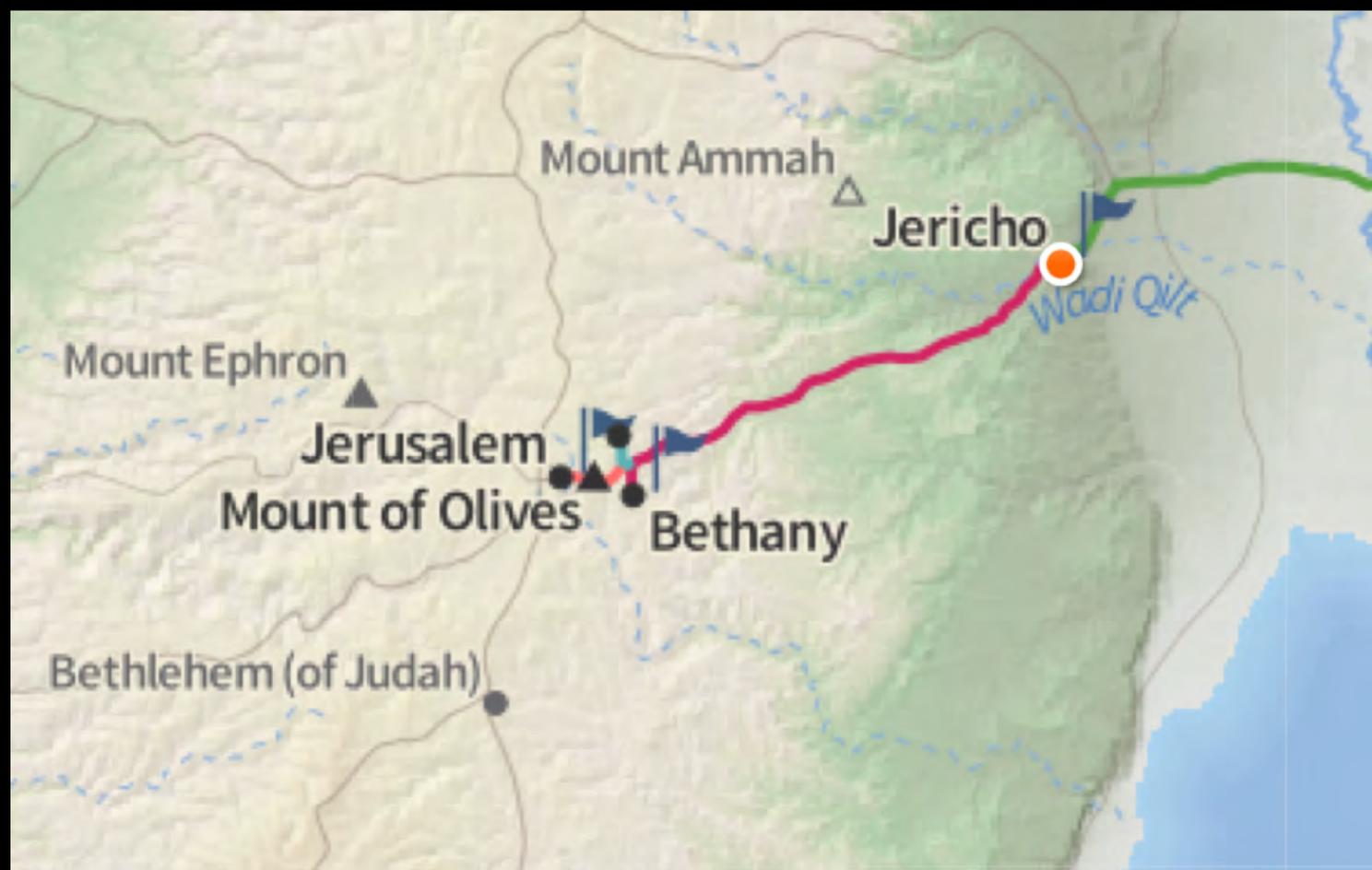
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Mount of Olives

Bethany





## Luke 19:7-10

7 All the people saw this and began to mutter, “He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.”

8 But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.”

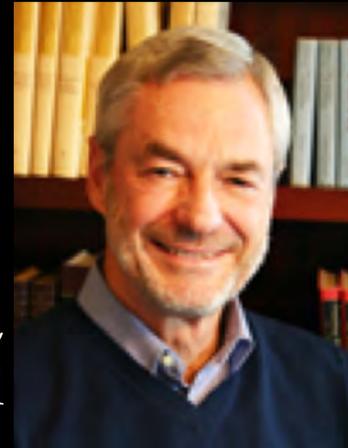
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a mighty outbreak of his redemptive powers to overrun the old age and bring in the new. Their feverish kingdom expectancy was peaking! Jesus' parable countered their expectations with an allegory of his own life that spoke of his incarnation, his investment in his followers, his rejection by his enemies, his crowning as King (through his death, resurrection and ascension), and finally his return to judge the world.

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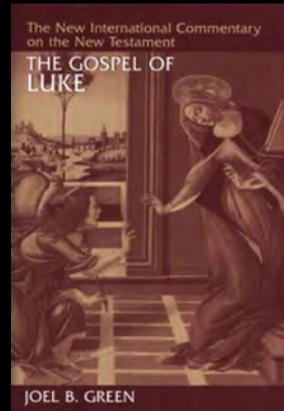


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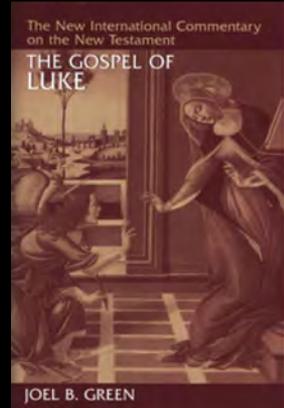
The realism of the present scene is suggested by the parallels between the journey of this nobleman and that of Archelaus to Rome in 4 b.c., seeking confirmation of his kingship; as recounted by Josephus, after Archelaus set out, a delegation was sent to protest his appointment, and, when he returned with royal power, he exacted judgment on his enemies.

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Such realism is important for how this parable functions in this context, where it helps to clarify the nature of royal authority and response to the heir to the throne; within the present co-text, it demonstrates that the orientation of the kingdom of God to those of marginal status (e.g., 18:15–17, 35–43) does not preclude but demands the coming of judgment on those who refuse the nature of God's rule.

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Their rewards astound us. They got entire cities! They managed their investments well, and their rewards exceeded all expectation. But there was something far greater for them than being co-regents, as Helmut Thielicke explains:

The splendor of the cities committed to them will be far less important than the fact that now they are the viceroys of the Lord and therefore among those closest to him and thus will always

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have access to him and be able to speak to him and tarry in his presence at all times. Their reward is that in the end the Lord will receive them with honors, that they will be privileged to speak and to live with Jesus forever. For heaven does not consist in what we shall receive, whether this be white robes and heavenly crowns or ambrosia and nectar, but rather in what we shall become – namely, the companions of our King.

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"I can picture in my mind a world without war, a world without hate. And I can picture us attacking that world, because they'd never expect it." - Jack Handy

**If God dwells inside us like  
some people say, I sure  
hope He likes enchiladas,  
because that's what He's  
getting.**

**When you die, if you get  
a choice between going  
to regular heaven or pie  
heaven, choose pie  
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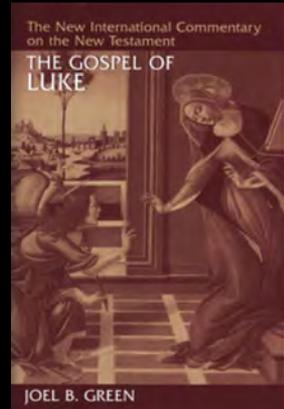
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In a deliberate echo of 16:10, trustworthiness “in a very small thing” is made to signify faithfulness to the master and readiness for greater responsibility, in this case, a share in the nobleman’s authority (cf. 22:28–30). The faithfulness of these two slaves is tied into the larger Lukan narrative in significant ways. Perhaps most obviously, in 12:35–48 Jesus variously envisions slaves and managers given responsibility before the master departs; there issues of alertness and faithful allegiance are at center stage.

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Also of importance is the reply of the second slave, “your mina has made five more,” employing a term, “to make,” that Luke often uses in contexts having to do with the bearing of fruit appropriate to the faithful disciple – that is, with faith expressed in the practices generated on account of one’s fidelity to the will of God.

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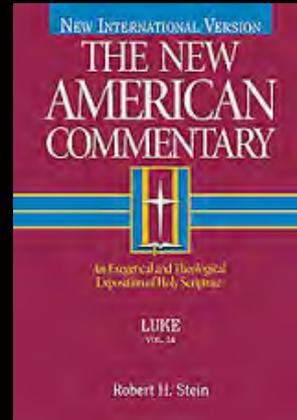
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In this account Luke dealt with the issue of the “delay” of the King’s coming. The parable is clearly a parable of stewardship, but Luke sought to point out to his readers that stewardship necessitates that there be an interval between the time of the historical Jesus and the consummation. Stewardship has no meaning if the “king” is not absent for a time. Luke used this aspect of stewardship to tell Theophilus that Jesus by this parable taught that he would be absent for a time.

R.H. Stein,  
*Luke* (Vol. 24, pp. 467),  
Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers



There will be time between Jesus's ascension and his return, where His followers will be called to be faithful and manage well what they've been given, and that stewardship impacts their responsibility or reward in His kingdom.

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**VS**

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## **Psalm 24:1**

1 The earth is the Lord's,  
and everything in it,  
the world, and all who live in it;  
2 for he founded it on the seas  
and established it on the waters.

## Psalm 51:16-17

16 You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;  
you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

17 My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart  
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**Luke 12:34**

34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

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## 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

4 There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. 5 There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. 6 There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the **common good**.

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## 1 Corinthians 12:15-20

15 Now if the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. 16 And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? 18 But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. 19 If they were all one part, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

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## 1 Corinthians 12:21-26

21 The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" 22 On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 23 and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, 24 while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, 25 so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. 26 If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

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- My identity is wrapped up in what I can do/perform

## Philippians 3:7-9

7 But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. 8 What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ – the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.

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## Philippians 4:12-13

12 I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. 13 I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

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  - My passions are random and purposeless

**1 Corinthians 10:31**

31 So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it  
all for the glory of God.

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## **Ephesians 5:15-17**

15 Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.

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## **1 Corinthians 6:19-20**

19 Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

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  - I have no idea where my time goes
- I can really do whatever I want with my time
- My calendar is jammed full and inflexible

## James 4:13-15

13 Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." 14 Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. 15 Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that."

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What are one or two specific things you can change today to better steward what you've been given?