



*6 years ago next week,
Qiang used this slide...*

Chinese Idiom:
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Examples?

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Jesus **departed** and **will return**

- **Angels:** “Men of Galilee, why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, **who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back** in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.” *Acts 1:11*
- While Jesus is not physically present with us, the world will likely ignore Jesus and His ways
- **What will Jesus’ people do?**

Pray

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The Current and Coming Reign of Jesus

Luke 19:11–27

bib.ly/Lu19.NIV
tiny.cc/cmchandouts

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How this story fits in Luke...

Journey to Jerusalem

- **People thought:** Maybe Jesus will bring God's Kingdom fully now!
- **Jesus said:** "I'll suffer and die there, then rise again to life and glory"
 - "The disciples did not understand any of this. Its meaning was hidden from them, and they did not know what he was talking about." *18:34*
 - "We had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel." *24:21*

Jericho (last stop before Jerusalem):

- A blind man calls Jesus "Son of David" and is miraculously healed
- Zacchaeus believes and shows economic transformation
- The Son of Man's purpose: to seek and to save the lost

Entering Jerusalem:

- Crowd shouting:
"Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord." *19:18*

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Reading the Gospels

Matthew 25:14–30 has a very similar parable (the “talents”)

Key strategies for reading the Gospels:

- Focus mostly on each passage in its existing context
- Pay attention to where the most words are used
- What was Jesus doing with this parable at this time in Luke?
- What was Luke doing with Jesus’ teaching in this section?

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Luke 19:11

Jesus was called “Son of David” and He accepted it
He was doing miracles and transforming society
He declared His purpose: to seek and save the lost

While they were **listening to this**, he went on to tell them a parable, because he was near Jerusalem and **the people thought** that **the kingdom of God was going to appear at once.**

After the resurrection, Jesus’ apostles and disciples gathered around Him and asked him, “**Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?**”

paraphrased from Acts 1:6

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Jesus used a well-known event to teach them...

- Herod the Great was ruler over Judea
- When Herod the Great died, he intended for his sons to rule over his territory
- **Herod Archelaus went to Rome** to be appointed king over Judea
 - Jewish people sent a delegation to oppose his appointment
 - He was appointed king and returned to enforce his reign

Jesus used this story to teach about the time between His becoming King and enforcing His reign



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Jesus taught that...

- He would be away for a time
- Would the monkeys take over??

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Luke 19:12-27

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“But his subjects hated him and sent a delegation after him to say, ‘We don’t want this man to be our king.’

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Luke 19:12-27

“He was made king, however, and returned home. Then he sent for the servants to whom he had given the money, in order to find out what they had gained with it.

“The first one came and said, ‘Sir, your mina has earned ten more.’

“‘Well done, my good servant!’ his master replied. ‘Because you have been trustworthy in a very small matter, take charge of ten cities.’

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“The second came and said, ‘Sir, your mina has earned five more.’

“His master answered, ‘You take charge of five cities.’

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“Then another servant came and said, ‘Sir, here is your mina; I have kept it laid away in a piece of cloth. I was afraid of you, because you are a hard man. You take out what you did not put in and reap what you did not sow.’

“His master replied, ‘I will judge you by your own words, you wicked servant! You knew, did you, that I am a hard man, taking out what I did not put in, and reaping what I did not sow? Why then didn’t you put my money on deposit, so that when I came back, I could have collected it with interest?’

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“Then he said to those standing by, ‘Take his mina away from him and give it to the one who has ten minas.’

“‘Sir,’ they said, ‘he already has ten!’

“He replied, ‘I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given, but as for the one who has nothing, even what they have will be taken away. But those enemies of mine who did not want me to be king over them—bring them here and kill them in front of me.’”

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These people directly rejected this man as their king

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Passive resistance is still genuine resistance to the king

He accused the king of being unjust in order to justify his inaction

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“‘Sir,’ they said, ‘he already has ten!’ **These people resisted the will of the king**

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Those who rejected the man as king were judged

“Everyone who has what they have for Jesus...”

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Timeline of Jesus' Reign on Earth

Jesus' first coming: 1st Century

- Life, death, resurrection
- He became King
- He formed and empowered His Church by the Spirit

In between: today

- His work is to be done by the Church

Jesus' second coming: unknown future time

- He will enforce His reign over all people and all creation
- The final judgment and unfolding reward

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The Big Idea

**Jesus Christ will treat us
according to how we respond to His authority**

Possible responses to Jesus as King:

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Two Kinds of resistance

- **Active Resistance** → by what we do
 - “I reject you as my king!”
- **Passive Resistance** → by what we do not do
 - Non-cooperation
 - “Be the last one to obey the government because by then, they will probably have changed their mind!”
 - **Not actively pursuing God’s purposes**
 - Even though we do good things and avoid doing wrong
 - **This is a path to significant loss**

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Possible responses to Jesus as King:

- **Active rebellion** → strict judgment
- **Passive resistance** → losing what you have / opportunities
- **Active submission** → blessed with expanded opportunities

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Application

Treat Jesus as King, including when He isn't physically present

Put our resources to work for what Jesus values

- What Jesus values include...
 - Meet the needs of yourself & people in your care *1 Timothy 5:8*
 - Glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ in diverse unity *Romans 15:5–6*
 - “To seek and to save the lost” *Luke 19:10*
 - Help those who are in need
 - Hands: care for physical needs
 - Heart: care for relational needs
 - Head: care for knowledge and understanding
 - Especially: knowing Jesus Christ!

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- Some of our resources
 - Money
 - Time & ability
 - Relationships
 - Career, learning, house, car, bicycle, hobbies, ...
 - Influence
- Using what you have for Jesus leads to more ways to use what you have for Jesus**
- “And God is able to bless you abundantly, **so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.**” *2 Corinthians 9:8*
- God's purpose in blessing**

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Finding the connections

What we have

- Money
- Time & ability
- Relationships
- Career, learning, house, car, bicycle, hobbies, ...
- Influence



Key Kingdom values

- Care for those in your care
- Glorify God in diverse unity
- Seek and save the lost
 - Head, heart, hands

Jesus says: "Put to work the valuables you have for me and my Kingdom until I come back"

Non-cooperation with Jesus is a path to loss...

Active participation with Jesus is the path to blessing

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The world resists the reign of Jesus, both passively and actively

Jesus' followers are invited to put our resources to work for the purposes of our King

And to enjoy His blessing

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