

Jesus' Journeying Toward Jerusalem
Third Stage: Luke 17:11–19:27

Memory Verse: *"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God"* (Luke 18:16 ESV).

Background

This week we study the last phase of Jesus' journey toward Jerusalem: see Luke 17:11; 18:31; 19:11, 28. Beginning at Luke 18:15, the author Luke rejoins the flow of the narrative as given in the other Synoptic Gospels, Matthew and Mark. In other words, his special section comes to an end at 18:14.

Teaching Helps

In the variety of events that take place in this week's readings, there are several common themes. Consider choosing one of these themes for your lesson emphasis:

- The kingdom of God. What does Jesus teach about the kingdom in both its present and future dimensions in Luke 17:20-37; 18:15-30; and 19:11-27?
- Salvation. What do the following stories teach about how to be saved?
 - 18:9-14: The Pharisee and the tax collector
 - 18:15-17: Jesus and the Children
 - 18:18-30: The rich young ruler
 - 19:1-10: Zacchaeus
- Jesus' love for the outcast.
 - 17:11-19: The leper
 - 18:1-8: The widow
 - 18:15-17: The children
 - 18:35-43: The blind and the poor
 - 18:9-14; 19:1-10: The tax-collector

Perhaps you see another thematic thread running through these chapters. Be sure to write out your lesson aim and apply the lesson to the lives of your students.

Home Assignment:



Read Luke 19:28–21:38.



Memorize Luke 21:33.