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In this story, Jesus revealed that upon His return to the earth after receiving His kingdom He will call His servants before Him for an accounting of their stewardship. He will give the true riches (eternal reward) to those who have been the most faithful in improving the opportunities for service which were given to them. Jesus then turned to the punishment of those who have rebelled against Him. His enemies will hear these dreadful words, *bring hither, and slay them before Me*, which illustrates that Christ will also come again, set up His kingdom, and punish His enemies.

SECOND ANOINTING OF JESUS (Matthew 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9; John 12:1-11)

Jesus had now arrived at Bethany, which was only two miles from Jerusalem. Although this was the home village of Mary, Martha and Lazarus, yet He was being entertained in the house of Simon the leper; evidently, one of the many healed by Jesus.

1. Who criticized Jesus in Matthew 26:8? _____
2. What did Jesus say was the reason for her anointing Him? (Matthew 26:12) _____
3. When the gospel would be preached, who will hear of this memorial of her? (Matthew 26:13) _____

THIRTY FIRST STUDY

JESUS NEAR JERUSALEM

CONVERSION OF ZACCHAEUS (Luke 19:1-10)

On His way to Jerusalem, Jesus had entered and passed through Jericho (Luke 19:1); and now, the Lord turned His attention to a rich man.

1. This rich man's name was _____.
(Luke 19:2)
2. Zacchaeus Described: (Luke 19:2-4 [Mark the correct and incorrect statement or statements.])
 - (a) He was chief among the Publicans (tax collector)
 - (b) He was a rich man
 - (c) He sought to see who Jesus was
 - (d) He was little of stature (short)
 - (e) He climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus
 - (f) He jumped out of a palm tree right in front of Jesus to get His attention
 - (g) All but one of the above

Zacchaeus ran ahead of the crowd and climbed up in a sycamore tree that he might get a better view of the Lord as He passed by. This also gave the Lord a better view of him. He saw the potential in Zacchaeus, so He called for him to come down and take him home to be his guest. Zacchaeus gladly responded, and they went together to Zacchaeus' home. The crowd knew that this man was a hated tax collector and disapproved Jesus' choice of company. — After all, this was an affront to the priests and

those persons He passed by. Jesus had proven His love for just this type of sinner by making Matthew one of His disciples.

Zacchaeus was overwhelmed by Jesus' having anything to do with him, and by the love of the Lord. Immediately, he surrendered his life to Him.

3. In Luke 19: 8, what did he tell the Lord he was going to do? _____

4. From Luke 19:9, what do you think Jesus meant by, *forasmuch as he also is a son of Abraham*? _____

5. What beautiful proclamation did Jesus give in Luke 19:10? _____

THE PARABLE OF THE POUNDS (Luke 19:11-28)

And as they heard these things, He added and spake a parable (Luke 19:11). These words show the relation between the episode involving Zacchaeus and the following parable. Jesus' statement in verse 10 seems to have increased interest in the kingdom of God. The Lord, therefore, told them a story to describe the true character of the kingdom of God.

Notice that the story is not about a nobleman who set-up a kingdom, but about one who went in-

to a far country to receive one and then return (Luke 19:2) . This inferred that Christ would not immediately set up His kingdom, but would go away to heaven to secure one. This was a clear prediction that He would have to go into a far country first before setting up His kingdom here on earth. He would then return for those who were fitted for citizenship in His kingdom.

1. To what do you think Jesus was referring in Luke 19:13 when He told His ten servants, *Occupy till I come*? _____

The nobleman had no sooner started on his mission, but that some of those, over whom he ruled, rebelled against him and even sent a messenger telling of their rebellion. — He went on his journey, however, and received his kingdom before he returned home.

Upon arriving home, his first act was to call his servants to him to find out how much each one had gained by trading. This is a picture of the judgment at the return of our Lord.

2. The first, second, and third servant gave, each, a report of different degrees. What was the report of each, and what were the judgments of this nobleman on each? (Luke 13:16-24)

(a) First: _____

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(b) Second: _____