

## **How to Prepare for Christ's Return? Luke 19:11-27**

### **I. The Setting of the Parable**

- A. The disciples mistakenly assumed that Christ would establish His kingdom on earth at Jerusalem (v.11; Acts 1:6).
- B. This parable is based upon a historical event.

### **II. The Key Emphasis of the Parable**

- A. Jesus' servants must recognize that the full expression of the kingdom is yet future and they are accountable for their service in the meantime (vv.12-13; Acts 2:36).
- B. The message of the gospel is given to all of God's servants (v.13; 2 Thessalonians 2:4; 1 Timothy 1:11; 6:20).

### **III. The Lessons of the Parable**

- A. Faithfulness is the mark of a good steward (v.17; Colossians 4:2-6).
- B. Unfaithfulness is the result of lack of faith (vv.20-21)
- C. Jesus will return again to bring judgment on his enemies and to reward the faithful (vv.16-27)