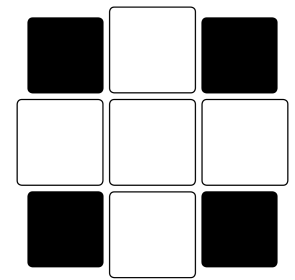


Herod and the Lament Over Jerusalem

Scripture: **Luke 13:31–35**

Series: **The Gospel of Luke**

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Overview

Life is full of beauty, pain, and complications. A clear purpose helps us interpret life's circumstances and guides our response to events. In this passage, Jesus has been teaching, preaching, and convicting the Pharisees (v.27) when some urge Him to flee out of fear for what Herod may do. Though the Pharisees wish to silence Him, Jesus understands His purpose, remains faithful through the suffering to come, and feels deep sorrow over those who will reject Him and be condemned. Our ultimate purpose is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever. Likewise, this purpose blesses us with the grace of perseverance through suffering and compassion on the lost. **The suffering of Christ saves us and guides us.**

Corroborating Texts

Luke 9:43-45, John 10:14-16, 1 Corinthians 10:31, John 1:9-11, 2 Corinthians 1:3-7, John 3:18 & 36, Romans 11:25-27, Romans 2:4

Discussion Questions

1. Jesus is pointed in His response to the Pharisees. Do you believe it is appropriate for you to respond harshly to others? In what circumstances is this warranted?
2. The Pharisees seek to use fear of man to deter Jesus. He responds by alluding to His coming, willful death in Jerusalem for the sins of the world. How can the cross help you overcome your fear of man? [see Matthew 10:28-33]
3. Jesus is perfectly righteous and just and yet feels sorrow for the people of Jerusalem who have consistently rejected the prophets and will ultimately kill Him. Do you—as a wicked person saved by grace—feel sadness at the coming judgement of your unbelieving neighbors? Or is your heart more often desiring swift judgement and vengeance toward those who remain impenitent? Why?
4. Practically this week—how can you better receive Christ in His suffering? How can you then in turn better follow Christ in His suffering? Share an example of how this focus on ultimate things can afford you increased patience and perseverance.