

## **07 – Lament over Jerusalem** **Luke 13: 31 - 35**

### **Materials: Map**

### **Step 1: Link (last two times)**

We are reading the story of Jesus in the book of Luke. The last two times we learned about the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus said the Kingdom of Heaven was like some very small things. What very small things is the Kingdom of Heaven like - ? ( . . . *mustard seed, yeast*) How does a person enter the Kingdom of Heaven - ? ( . . . *by the small door*)

### **Step 2: Background (Pharisees, Herod, Jerusalem)**

In our story today Jesus is not teaching the people. First Jesus hears some surprising news. Then Jesus tells about Jerusalem. What is Jerusalem - ? ( . . . *a city, the capital of Israel*) At the time of Jesus, Jerusalem was the center of worship. The temple of God was in Jerusalem.

### **Step 3: Key Questions**

- **What surprising news did Jesus hear?** (*v.31 Herod wanted to kill him*)
- **What did Jerusalem do?** (*v.34 killed the prophets, stoned those sent*)

### **Step 4: Read Luke 13: 31 - 35**

### **Step 5: Answer the questions**

### **Step 6: Talk about it**

So, Herod wanted to kill Jesus. Was Jesus afraid when he heard this surprising news -? ( . . . *no*) What did Jesus call Herod - ? ( . . . *a fox*) What else did Jesus want to tell Herod - ? ( . . . *v. 32 I cast out demons, etc.*) In other words, Jesus said that nothing was going to change. He was still going to do his ministry. Jesus didn't care that Herod wanted to kill him.

Why do you think that Jesus wasn't afraid of Herod - ? ( . . . *opinion; point = he trusted God completely, he knew that Herod couldn't do anything to him unless God said "OK"*)

Nevertheless, what does Jesus have to do - ? ( . . . *v.33 go on his way*) Where is he going - ? ( . . . *Jerusalem*) Jerusalem that killed the prophets and stoned those sent to her! What will happen to Jesus in Jerusalem - ? ( . . . ) He will die on the cross.

Is Jesus afraid to die on the cross - ? ( . . . ) We're going to see later that he was afraid! Are you surprised? ( . . . ) Dying on the cross was a very painful way to die. It was painful and shameful. But, nevertheless, Jesus knew that it was God's will for him to die on the cross. So, he started to go to Jerusalem.

What did Jesus want to do to the children of Jerusalem - ? ( . . . v.34 take them under his wings...) What does the "children of Jerusalem" mean - ? ( . . . the people!) Jesus loved the people of Jerusalem. He loved that great city.

Why didn't Jesus gather the people of Jerusalem under his wings - ? ( . . . v.34 they were not willing)

The story of the Bible begins in a garden. But the story ends in a great city. God loves cities. He loves Tokyo, that great city. He loves Chiba, that great city. [He loves Ichihara, that great city.] Do you think God wants to gather the children of Tokyo and Chiba - ? ( . . . ) Yes, of course He does. But why are there so few Christians in Tokyo and Chiba - ? ( . . . see what they say. B/c the people haven't heard? Or b/c they are unwilling?)

Are you willing to be gathered under Jesus' wings?

**Do you have any questions or comments?**