

Luke 13:31-35
“O, Jerusalem, Jerusalem”

Memory verses:
Isaiah 49:15-16

Summary: Jesus reflects on His love and care for Jerusalem and His people, even when they rejected Him over and over.

Verse 31: *The same day there came certain of the Pharisees, saying unto him, “Get out, and depart hence: for Herod will kill you.”*

- Jesus was in the region of Perea on the east side of the Jordan, part of Herod Antipas’s tetrarchy.
- Herod’s father, Herod the Great, had tried to kill the baby Jesus
- The Pharisees may have been genuinely concerned for Jesus or just wanted to get rid of him.

Verse 32: *And he said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out devils, and I do cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I shall be perfected.’”*

- Fox – crafty animal, politician. Herod had learned from the best.
 - Herod was “a crafty and incestuous prince” –Josephus.
 - A fox lives in a hole. Jesus goes where the Father tells Him.
- Today and tomorrow – an indefinite period of time to do His work.
- Third day perfected – referring to the completion of His work.
 - Perfected – *teleioō* – to complete, accomplish, fulfil.
- Nothing could have kept Jesus from finishing His course.
- App: What is your course? How do you know when you have finished it?

Verse 33: *“Nevertheless I must walk to day, and tomorrow, and the day following: for it cannot be that a prophet perishes out of Jerusalem.”*

- His hour had not come.

Verse 34: *“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which kills the prophets, and stones them that are sent unto you; how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not!”*

- Long history of killing the prophets that God sent.
 - Parable of the vineyard (Mat. 21:33-44).
 - Parable of the marriage dinner (Mat. 22:1-14).
- God had given them many second chances.

Mat. 14:1-3
Luke 3:19-20,
9:7-9

Mat. 2:16-18

Micah 3:1-3

Luke 9:57-58

John 9:4
Luke 9:22
John 19:28-30
Heb. 2:9-10,
5:8-10
Acts 20:22-24
II Tim. 4:6-8

Acts 13:27

John 7:30,
8:20, 59

Mat. 23:29-39
Luke 19:41-44

II Chr. 36:15-
16
Neh. 9:26-30

Deut. 5:27-29
Isa. 48:17-19,
49:13-16
Prov. 1:23-33

Verse 34: (cont'd)

- Under His wings.
- Still they would not listen.
- App: How many second chances has God given you?

Verse 35: *“Behold, your house is left unto you desolate: and verily I say unto you, you shall not see me, until the time come when you shall say, ‘Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord’.”*

- Prophetic statement that has two fulfillments.
- You shall not see me – until He comes again.
- First coming and second coming prophesied by Daniel.

Lesson: God had reached out His hand to Israel throughout their entire existence. That ended after Calvary but will happen one more time “in the day of the Lord”.

Psalm 91:1-6
Isa. 30:15-19
Jer. 7:21-29
Zec. 1:1-6
Acts 7:51-53
Rom. 11:7-11

Luke 21:20-24
Isa. 1:1-28,
64:10-11

Psa 118:22-26
Luke 19:37-44
John 7:32-36

Dan. 9:24-27
Hos. 3:1-5
Zec. 12:10
Rev. 1:7

Mark 6:4