

1. Zacchaeus, the chief tax collector, wanted to see Jesus.
  - a. What prevented him? (Luke 19:3)
  - b. How did he finally get to see Jesus? (Luke 19:4)
  - c. How did Jesus reward his efforts? (Luke 19:5)
  - d. How did Zacchaeus respond to the grumbling crowd?
2. What could possibly have inspired Zacchaeus to make such a bountiful gesture to the poor and to those he had taxed too highly? (Luke 19:8-9; CCC 2412)

**Note:** *Luke's parable of the pounds is similar to the parable of the talents in Matt 25:14-30. Historically, it recalls how the Herodian rulers of Palestine often traveled to Rome to bid for ruling authority. As in the parable, Jewish delegates also journeyed to Rome to oppose the request.*

3. What are two reasons Jesus chose to tell the parable of the pounds? (Luke 19:11)
4. In Luke's parable, (Luke 19:13-25), the nobleman gave each of the ten selected servants the same amount of money with which to trade while he was away. Do you think he expected all to trade in the same manner, and with the same degree of success, or do you think he was testing them to see whom he could trust with greater responsibilities? Explain.

**Note:** *The Hallel Psalms 113-118 were regularly sung by Jewish pilgrims traveling to Jerusalem for the sacred feasts of Passover, Weeks, and Booths. Here, the people are singing from Psalm 118:25-26.*

5. What was special or unusual about the colt the disciples brought to Jesus? (Luke 19:30)
6. As Jesus was riding into Jerusalem:
  - a. What were his disciples doing? (Luke 19:36-38)
  - b. When is this day of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem celebrated in our liturgical year?
7. Why do you think the Pharisees wanted Jesus to rebuke his disciples? (Luke 19:38; Psalm 118:26-27)
8. Among the many different emotions Jesus must have felt on this journey, Luke points out that Jesus cried when he had his first glimpse of the Holy City. Identify some of the reasons Luke mentions for Jesus' tears. (Luke 19:41-44)
9. Why was Jesus so upset when he entered the temple, and what did he do? (Luke 19:45-46)
10. Each day during that holy week, Jesus was teaching daily in the temple. (Luke 19:47-48)
  - a. How did the people react to his teaching?
  - b. How did the scribes and Pharisees react to his teaching?

***If you want a challenge?***

11. What do you think Jesus is telling us when he said: "I tell you, that to everyone who has will more be given; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away." (Luke 19:26)