Jesus Will Call Us to Account

Luke 19:11-27

Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem

to suffer and die.

His triumphal entry is the very next thing recorded by Luke.

He told this parable to clarify to His listeners

how His Kingdom would come.

To those who expected His Kingdom to come immediately,

He said that He was going on a long journey to receive His Kingdom but would return.

To those who opposed Him and His kingship,

He warned that a dire fate awaited them

when He returned.

To His followers, including us, He emphasizes that

the coming of the Kingdom,

the certainty of His return,

is a call to stewardship.

When He returns,

He will call us to account for

the way we have used all that He has entrusted to us.

Specifically, have we used it as He would use it?

That was the steward's job -

to use their master's resources

as he would use them.

And how would Jesus, our Master, use the resources He has entrusted to us?

He would invest them as He invested His life here on earth:

sacrificially,

meeting human needs,

drawing people to His Father.

That is how He expects us to invest

all that we have and

all that we are:

sacrificially,

meeting human needs,

drawing people to His Father.

Hymn: The Love We Owe

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