

## FINAL STUDY NOTES - *LUKE Chapter 19* 5/12-13/2025

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### OPENING PRAYER

***Review: Chapter 18 – Persistence in Prayer; The Rich young Ruler; The Blind Man Healed (Luk 18:41a) saying, "What do you want Me to do for you?"***

**LUKE Chapter 19 - Jesus Comes to Zacchaeus' House - (vs. 1-10); The Parable of the Minas – (vs. 11-27); The Triumphal Entry – (vs. 28-40); Jesus Weeps Over Jerusalem – (vs. 41-48).**

**Jesus and Zacchaeus** – Still in Jericho, Zacchaeus, a rich man, who knew he was a sinner. his response is exactly opposite that of the rich young ruler, with a greater enthusiasm than Jesus had asked for. A wealthy man who found salvation.

***Luk 19:1-2 Then Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. [2] Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich.***

- **Publicans were tax collectors.** If they were Jews, and Zacchaeus was, as Jesus identifies him as a son of Abraham, he was hated by his fellow Jews because he was considered a collaborator with the enemy. He was taxing them, and the money was going to Rome. In those days, Rome would lay out a certain specified tax for an area. The tax collectors with the power of the Roman government behind them would collect those taxes and would give Rome the levy that they had made on the territory. Anything over what the Roman government had required belonged to the tax collector, which led to corruption in the process! He could keep anything that he could collect over what Rome had required as the taxes from that area.
- **They were ruthless. They had the power of Rome behind them.** They were known for their dishonesty, for their cheating. Most of them rich, as was Zacchaeus.

***Luk 19:3 And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature.***

- **Already you can get the picture. Here is a little Jew, hated by his neighbors,** collecting taxes for Rome but filled with curiosity. He had heard about Jesus. He is seeking Jesus, but we will see that Jesus is seeking him!

***Luk 19:4 So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way.***

- **He saw that Jesus is going down this road. He ran ahead of the crowd,** climbed up in a sycamore tree, which is not a very dignified thing for sure, but being so curious, he just wanted to see Jesus.

***Luk 19:5 And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house."***

- **This is the only instance in the four gospels of Jesus inviting Himself to dinner.** Compare that to (Rev 3:20) *Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.*

***Luk 19:6-7 So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. [7] But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner."***

- **They all complained...He has gone to be a guest with a sinner.** That is, the scribes and the Pharisees and probably many of the local people, that He had gone to be the guest of a man that is a sinner, a crook, a thief.

***Luk 19:8 Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold."***

- **Zacchaeus offered to pay the highest price in that his heart had truly been changed!** Note he is voluntarily parting with his wealth, something the rich young ruler declined to do.

***Luk 19:9 And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham;***

- **Jesus is saying that Zacchaeus is a child of faith!** (Gal 3:7) *Therefore know that only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham.* Zacchaeus was not saved because he promised to do good works, but because he responded by faith to Christ's gracious word to him. Having trusted the Savior, he gave evidence of his faith by committing to make restitution to those he has wrongfully over-charged.

***\*\*\*! Luk 19:10 for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."***

- **This is in response to the fact that they were murmuring because He had gone to be the guest of a sinner.** In (Mat 9:12,13b) *When Jesus heard that, He said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. [13b] For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."*
- **We see Him at the house of a sinner, but when Jesus visits, salvation comes!** *"Today salvation has come to this house."* Because that is His purpose, to seek and to save that which was lost! That was His mission, that is why God sent Him into the world.
- **When Jesus was talking with Nicodemus, He said, (John 3:16-18) For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. [17] For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. [18] "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.**

- **Rejoice in that! (Rom 8:1)** *There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. He came to seek and to save those who are lost! That is why we rejoice so much in Jesus Christ!*
- **What is the depth of my gratitude for Jesus' coming to seek and to save that which was lost? Is there anything more important in my whole life than that of Jesus' saving me? Does my witness demonstrate that, as I tell others of what great things God has done for me?**

**The Parable of the Ten Minas** - There will be a time period, a postponement until he returns! You need to be doing "My business," using the opportunities that you were given to share the gospel! He is coming back with absolute power and authority, destroying His enemies!

**Luk 19:11** *Now as they heard these things, He spoke another parable, because He was near Jerusalem and because they thought the kingdom of God would appear immediately.*

- **They heard Him making this declaration** concerning Zacchaeus, salvation has come to his house, because I have come to seek and to save that which is lost.
- **As they were going, they thought that this was it!** He is going to set up the kingdom right now! This is the final journey up to Jerusalem. When we get something so set in our minds, that we do not hear anything that is contrary to it. We only hear that which confirms what we think.

**Luk 19:12-14** *Therefore He said: "A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return. [13] So he called ten of his servants, delivered to them ten minas, and said to them, 'Do business (occupy) till I come.' [14] But his citizens hated him, and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We will not have this man to reign over us.'*

- **It could be that Jesus is relating to a bit of history that took place with Archelaus** who had gone to Rome to get the title of king. So here is "a certain nobleman who went to a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. He called his ten servants, and delivered them ten minas, and he said unto them, "Do business," Occupy till I come.
- **This is not to be confused with the parable of the talents that Matthew tells us about,** in which it deals with one being given five talents, another two talents, another one talent, each according to his own ability. Those are dealing with abilities. This is just dealing, and notice everyone received the same, the one mina. This is dealing with diligence with the things that are God's, with that which God has entrusted in your life. Using what God has entrusted to you!
- **Delivered...ten minas...Do business until I come.** A mina is an amount of money, equivalent of about three months' wages. The master gives each of his servant the same amount, saying to them "Do business (occupy, putting the funds to work), till I come." That is still the order of the Lord for us! Occupy, do business till I come. We are not to try to guess the day and the hour that the Lord is going to return and then plan our lives accordingly! We are to watch, work, wait and pray until then!
- **Paul speaks in (2Co 5:10)** *For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.* This is not to be confused with the great white throne judgment of God, where sinners are going to appear to receive their sentence. But this is for Christians, this is for us. When Jesus returns, He will judge the earth in righteousness. We will appear before Him to be judged to receive the rewards that we have done according to our works. So, here the king calls his servants to find out just what they have done with that which was entrusted to them.
- **So, the citizens, it says, hated him.** He is not going to Jerusalem to be crowned as King. "He is going to go to a far country that he might receive the kingdom. But the citizens hated him, and they said, "We will not have this man to reign over us." Basically, that was the position the nation of Israel took concerning Jesus Christ. We will not have Him to rule over us. That is the position that the world still takes today.
- **That is the general position of the United States.** We will not have this Man to rule over us. Generally speaking, people do not want a righteous ruler.

**Luk 19:15** *"And so it was that when he returned, having received the kingdom, he then commanded these servants, to whom he had given the money, to be called to him, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading.*

- **Our present position! Between verses 14 and 15 is where the whole world is today!** He went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return.
- **When Jesus ascended into heaven, He received the kingdom at that time.** He was crowned as King in heaven. The Father said (*Mat 22:44*) *"THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD, "SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, TILL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES YOUR FOOTSTOOL?"* Jesus is there on the right hand of the Father waiting until the Father makes His enemies His footstool. God has given to Him the title of King. When He returns, He will return with the title, which is something that He already has received! He has not yet received the kingdom, but He will when He returns. He will then rule over the kingdom.
- **Unlike Archelaus who never got the title. Jesus will have that title!. (*Rev 19:16*) And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.**

***Luk 19:16-17 Then came the first, saying, 'Master, your mina has earned ten minas.' [17] And he said to him, 'Well done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.'***

- **The Lord is apportioning the kingdom unto His servants.** That is speaking of the kingdom age when the Lord returns to establish God's kingdom upon the earth. The **amount of authority** that the Lord gives to you **then** will be in ratio to **what you have done now** with what God has given you. You have been faithful; therefore, I will make you ruler over ten cities. Because of your faithfulness in using that which God has given to you to make gain for the kingdom of God!

***Luk 19:18-19 And the second came, saying, 'Master, your mina has earned five minas.' [19] Likewise he said to him, 'You also be over five cities.'***

- **Again, the reward of authority is commensurate, in the same ratio as the fruitfulness of his witness.**

***Luk 20:22 "Then another came, saying, 'Master, here is your mina, which I have kept put away in a handkerchief. [21] For I feared you, because you are an austere man. You collect what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.' [22] And he said to him, 'Out of your own mouth I will judge you, you wicked servant. You knew that I was an austere man, collecting what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow.'***

- **The error here is not just the lack of yield.** The error is the perception of God that he had! Nothing twists and distorts the soul **more than a lower and unworthy conception of God!** That is the real underlying issue here, not just the poor return on the investment. His attitude about his Master is the problem!

***Luk 19:23 Why then did you not put my money in the bank, that at my coming I might have collected it with interest?'***

- **The man did nothing with what he was given! He did not** even take it to the bank and deposit it so that at least there would be something in return for what had been invested in him.

***Luk 19:24-26 "And he said to those who stood by, 'Take the mina from him, and give it to him who has ten minas.' [25] (But they said to him, 'Master, he has ten minas.')* [26] 'For I say to you, that to everyone who has, will be given; and from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.'**

- **What have you done or what are you doing with what God has entrusted into your keeping?** One day you are going to give an answer to the Lord as you will be required to stand before Him and to give an account to Him of what He has entrusted into your keeping. Are you occupying until He returns? Are you using that which God has invested in you for the kingdom of God and for its expansion? That is why when the kingdom of God does come, many people who have been very prominent in the worldly affairs and in worldly things will be heavenly paupers. Many people who have been earthly paupers will be rulers over large territories.
- **It is your faithfulness in using what God has entrusted to you!** Using it for Him and for His glory! (*1Co 4:2*) Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful. (*1Pe 4:10*) As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

***Luk 19:27 But bring here those enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, and slay them before me.' "***

- Coming to take vengeance upon the world, coming to judge the world and to set up His kingdom.
- **As I look back on my life, how many minas would there be? Will He see poor, fair, or good stewardship with what He has given me. In the Matthew account, the three men were given based on their abilities. Here everyone is given the same. That being, the opportunity to faithfully use what He has given me or you, during the time until He comes back, to expand the Kingdom of God.**

**The Triumphal Entry - (Psa 118:24) This is the day the LORD has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it, which Daniel has prophesied 173,880 days earlier!**

**Luk 19:28 When He had said this, He went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.**

- From Jericho to Jerusalem, it is all uphill. He is ascending now; this is the final trek up to Jerusalem. Coming near, we are in the very last week of the life of Jesus as He leaves Jericho, comes on up to Jerusalem. Time of the Passover.
- Josephus says that at the time of the Passover, there were two million people that would gather in Jerusalem, above the normal inhabitants of the city. It was overcrowded with pilgrims who had come to celebrate the feast of the Passover.

**Luk 19:29-34 And it came to pass, when He drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mountain called Olivet, that He sent two of His disciples, [30] saying, "Go into the village opposite you, where as you enter you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Loose it and bring it here.**

- **Go into the village opposite you.** As Jesus came to this last, critical week before the crucifixion, He carefully and deliberately sent His disciples to make arrangements for His arrival into Jerusalem. There was something very special about this journey to Jerusalem.
- **You will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat:** Jesus rode this relatively humble animal into Jerusalem. Instead of coming on a horse as a conquering general, He came on a *colt*, as was customary for royalty. He came to Jerusalem as the Prince of Peace.

**[31] And if anyone asks you, 'Why are you loosing it?' thus you shall say to him, 'Because the Lord has need of it.' " [32] So those who were sent went their way and found it just as He had said to them. [33] But as they were loosing the colt, the owners of it said to them, "Why are you loosing the colt?" [34] And they said, "The Lord has need of him."**

- **The Lord has need of him:** It seems that was a pre-arranged borrowing of this animal for the use of Jesus. All the disciples needed to tell the owners was that it was for the use of the Lord Jesus!

**Luk 19:35-36 Then they brought him to Jesus. And they threw their own clothes on the colt, and they set Jesus on him. [36] And as He went, many spread their clothes on the road.**

**Luk 19:37 Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen,**

- **This was it. There was tremendous excitement and rejoicing among the disciples.** He is now making His entry publicly into Jerusalem, riding on a donkey! No doubt, they were thinking of (Zec 9:9) "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, **Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.** The King, riding into Jerusalem, just as was prophesied. The disciples were certain that this was the crowning hour! Jesus is now going to manifest Himself as the Messiah. The people were thinking that Jesus is now going to set up the kingdom of God! They were hilarious with joy and excitement as they were shouting, rejoicing, praising God with loud voices.

**Luk 19:38 saying: " 'BLESSED IS THE KING WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!' Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"**

- **They are beginning to quote from Psalm 118,** which is noted as a Messianic psalm. Jesus referred to it as referring to Himself. Have you not read the stone which the builders set at nought, the same has become the chief cornerstone? Peter also quotes it as a prophecy concerning Christ, and (Psa 118:22-24) *The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. [23] This was the*

*LORD's doing; It is marvelous in our eyes. [24] This is the day the LORD has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it!*

- **Rejoice, O daughters of Zion! Shout for your King is coming!** We will rejoice in it. Then, (*Psa 118:25-27*) *Save (Hebrew - Hosanna) now, I pray, O LORD; O LORD, I pray, send now prosperity. [26] Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We have blessed you from the house of the LORD. [27] God is the LORD, And He has given us light; Bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar.* A strange thing for the prophet to say when he is talking about the King coming, rejoicing and all. But bind now the sacrifice with cords unto the altar.
- **This is the first time that Jesus allowed any public acclaim of Him** as the Messiah. When He had fed the five thousand, they were going to try, by force, to acclaim Him as King. He left them and went into the mountain alone. When He would do marvellous miracles, He would say to them, Do not tell anybody. When He raised the daughter of Jairus from the dead, He said to tell anybody. When He cleansed the leper, He said, Do not tell anybody, just go show yourself to the priest.
- **But this day is different!** This day, Jesus has set the stage deliberately. This day He is encouraging the disciples. He is encouraging their worship and their acclamation of Him as the King. As they are shouting for joy, as they are rejoicing and praising God, as they are acclaiming Him as King, *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!*

***Luk 19:39 And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples."***

- **Teacher, rebuke Your disciples.** They interpreted that as it really was. They were acclaiming Him as Messiah. They realized that is what they were doing and so they said, "Rebuke them, stop them. Do you hear what they are saying?"

***Luk 19:40 But He answered and said to them, "I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out."***

- **I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out:** Jesus said this when the Pharisees told Him to quiet those who praised Him and received Him as King. On *this your day*, Jesus was going to be praised! For most of His ministry, Jesus did everything He could to discourage people from publicly celebrating Him as Messiah. Here Jesus invited public praise and adoration as Messiah!
- **I love that. Somehow I wish that they would have held their peace.** I would love to have heard these stones crying out. *This is My Father's world, and to my listening ear, all nature sings and round me rings, the music of the spheres.* If we could only hear it. If we were only in tune. Nature, created by Him. Nature has enough intelligence to acknowledge Him as King and Lord.
- **How often have I, or do I ever cry out, rejoicing and praising God with a loud voice for all of His mighty works I have seen, so that the world rebukes me, telling me to keep silent? How much rejoicing and praising God is in my life? Is there even a hint that if I kept silent, even the stones would immediately cry out?**

### **Jesus Weeps over Jerusalem**

***Luk 19:41-42 Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, [42] saying, "If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.***

- **This is a special day. This is the day that the Lord has made.** We will rejoice and be glad in it. **This is the day that God has set for the revelation of the Messiah to the world!** Dr. Robert Anderson in his book, *The Coming Prince*, sets forth a wonderful thesis in which he correlates this day with the day that the commandment went forth to restore and rebuild Jerusalem, March 14, 445 B.C. He has done much research and computations. It is his thesis that this was exactly 483 years, to the day, from the commandment Artaxerxes Longimanus, to restore and rebuild Jerusalem that Jesus made His entry into Jerusalem as King. As the prophet Daniel was told by Gabriel, that there are *seventy sevens that are determined for your people*, the nation of Israel. From the time that the commandment goes forth to restore and rebuild Jerusalem to the coming of the Messiah the Prince will be seven sevens and sixty-two sevens or 483 years, 173,880 days to the day, April 6, 32 A.D!

- Jesus said, *"If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.* He is weeping. He is weeping over their blindness. He can see and begins to tell them what the blindness is going to cause.

***Luk 19:43 For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side,***

- **The day is coming when your enemies are going to set a siege against the city of Jerusalem.** Josephus describes this siege that took place under Titus, the Roman general. He describes the horror of the people within the city of Jerusalem who began to kill each other for food. The horrible starvation. According to Josephus in his book, *The Wars of the Jews*, more Jews were killed by their fellow Jews than by the Roman soldiers. Marauding bands began to go through the city raiding houses and killing people and taking the goods and the food. Anarchy broke out within the city. The horrors of it are described by Josephus.
- **Jesus could see this. He could see the siege and the effects of the siege.** He could see the starving people, the starving children, and as He could see this, He wept because this He knew was to be the price that they would have to pay for rejecting the Messiah.

***Luk 19:44 and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation.***

- That is, the city is going to be leveled, He was referring to the beautiful temple that Herod had built.
- ***Because you did not know the time of your visitation.*** "How much did it cost them! God visited. He kept His promise. He sent the Messiah. But because they did not know, they are going to pay a bitter, bitter price.
- **God expected them to know. God had given sufficient prophecies that they should have known.** There was really no excuse for their blindness or for their ignorance. Even as there is no excuse for you if you reject Jesus as the Messiah. Even as the desolation came to them because of their rejection, so desolation will come to every man who rejects Jesus as his Messiah, as his Lord, as his Savior!
- ***(Heb 2:3) how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him,*** which has been offered to us through Jesus Christ. Also ***(Heb 10:28-31) Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. [29] Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? [30] For we know Him who said, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord. And again, "THE LORD WILL JUDGE HIS PEOPLE." [31] It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.***
- **This was their day, their day of God's visitation.** Their day when God was offering to them salvation. He was offering to them His promised Messiah. They rejected the Messiah to their own damage and hurt.
- **There is that day when God comes to you and God gives you the opportunity of eternal life!** An opportunity to share in the kingdom of God. To become a citizen of God's kingdom. If you reject, I am certain that Jesus sheds a tear over you because He can see what is going to happen to all of those who have rejected Him as their Lord. ***(Heb 10:27) but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. It is a fearful thing to fall in the hands of the living God!***
- ***Have I ever wept? Do I ever weep over those around me who are not yet saved, having not yet known the time of their visitation? Of meeting, surrendering, and accepting Jesus as their Lord and Savior??***

***Jesus Cleanses the Temple***

***Luk 19:45-46 Then He went into the temple and began to drive out those who bought and sold in it, [46] saying to them, "It is written, 'MY HOUSE IS A HOUSE OF PRAYER,' but you have made it a 'DEN OF THIEVES.'"***

- *(Isa 56:7d) For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations."* But then he quotes from *(Jer7:11) Has this house, which is called by My name, become a den of thieves in your eyes? Behold, I, even I, have seen it," says the LORD.* Making merchandise what should be the house of prayer.

***Luk 19:47 And He was teaching daily in the temple. But the chief priests, the scribes, and the leaders of the people sought to destroy Him,***

- The people were listening to Him gladly, gathering to hear Him. But the plot to put Him to death has already been hatched and they are now just looking for opportunity.

***Luk 19:48 and were unable to do anything; for all the people were very attentive to hear Him.***

- They wanted to arrest Him. They wanted to get rid of Him. They were just looking for a way by which they might do it. They had decided it had to be done. We move into the final hours now in the life of Christ as we continue in Luke chapter twenty next week.
- ***Do we ever pray that our house of worship is and will be a house of prayer, without even a hint of being a den of thieves?***

## SUMMARY

- ***What is the depth of my gratitude for Jesus' coming to seek and to save that which was lost? Is there anything more important in my whole life than that of Jesus' saving me? Does my witness demonstrate that, as I tell others of what great things God has done for me? (Luke 19:10)***
- ***As I look back on my life, how many minas would there be? Will He see poor, fair, or good stewardship with what He has given me. In the Matthew account, the three men were given based on their abilities. Here everyone is given the same. That being, the opportunity to faithfully use what He has given me or you, during the time until He comes back, to expand the Kingdom of God. (Luke 19:27)***
- ***How often have I, or do I ever cry out, rejoicing and praising God with a loud voice for all of His mighty works I have seen, so that the world rebukes me, telling me to keep silent? How much rejoicing and praising God is in my life? Is there even a hint that if I kept silent, even the stones would immediately cry out? (Luke 19:40)***
- ***Have I ever wept? Do I ever weep over those around me who are not yet saved, having not yet known the time of their visitation? Of meeting, surrendering, and accepting Jesus as their Lord and Savior? (Luke 19:44)***
- ***Do we ever pray that our house of worship is and will be a house of prayer, without even a hint of being a den of thieves? (Luke 19:48)***

***BECAUSE HE LIVES!*** *The Booth Brothers (3:41)*

*God sent his son, they called Him Jesus, He came to love, heal and forgive. He lived and died to buy my pardon, An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.*

*Refrain: Because He lives I can face tomorrow. Because He lives, All fear is gone. Because I know He holds the future. And life is worth the living Just because He lives.*

*How sweet to hold a newborn baby, And feel the pride and joy He gives, But greater still the calm assurance: This child can face uncertain day because He lives.*

*And then one day I'll cross the river, I'll fight life's final war with pain. And then, as death gives way to vict'ry, I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He reigns.*

*(Refrain, - then) - Because He Lives!(2x)*

## CLOSING PRAYER

**NEXT WEEK: Read and study *Luke Chapter 20!***