

KING FOR ALL #32

The Agony of Expectation

Luke 13: 22-35



A. SERMON POINTS

1. Unexpected Number
2. Unexpected Urgency
3. Unexpected People
4. Unexpected Place

B. DISCUSSION STARTER

Do you think expectations are good or bad?

What example do you have of something unexpected happening in your life?

C. FROM THE BIBLE

- What is the significance of Jesus 'journeying towards Jerusalem'? (v. 22)
- What do you think Jesus means when saying: "the third day I finish my course" (v. 32)
 - What connection does that have to v. 34?
- What does Jesus mean by His use of the word "strive" (v. 24).
 - Is there a danger in not striving? (v. 24-30).
- Is there a connection between v. 27 & v. 35?

It's important to point out that Jerusalem is being used as a 'real-life' illustration of what it means to not be known by God (v. 27), as they have now been forsaken (v. 35). This would be a consequence of them not striving to enter through the narrow door, and instead relying on their ethnicity and religiosity (v. 24).

- What do v. 29 & 30 mean?

D. IMPLICATIONS FOR ME

- What is the urgency for you to accept the gospel?
- How does it make you feel that believers in Jesus will 'recline at table in the kingdom of God'?
 - What are some ways that 'Christians' fail to strive, and end up inhabiting the tendencies of Jerusalem (the Jews).
- How great is diversity in the Kingdom of God (v. 29 & 30).

E. PRAYER SUGGESTION

For yourself

Thank God for the offer of entering into his eternal kingdom, even if it is a narrow entry way.

Ask God to humble you away from religious tendencies, and towards His Son, the King of God's Kingdom.

For our Church

Pray for the Ladies Ministry and the upcoming Ladies Breakfast on Saturday 15 March. May our Ladies grow in their understanding of the Word and in their love for the Lord.

For our Gospel partners

Let's keep the Van der Merwe family in Thailand in our prayers.

- Thank God for new students at The Centre and pray they may come to faith.
- Pray for more ministry opportunities on the university campuses around them.
- Pray that they will continue to depend on God for all their needs and to trust him through various trials.

