

See Jesus' Determined Love March 17, 2019

Luke 13:31-35

³¹ At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, "Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you." ³² He replied, "Go tell that fox, 'I will drive out demons and heal people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.' ³³ In any case, I must keep going today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem! ³⁴ O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! ³⁵ Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."

- 1. **Icebreaker:** What's something you've done that required a lot of determination? What made that task challenging?
- 2. List the things that confronted Jesus in the reading above. For each thing describe what kind of determination Jesus would need to overcome it.
- 3. Bible History Quiz! Hosea 9:7-9, Jeremiah 26:12-16, Matthew 14:1-12 all give examples of God's people rejecting/killing prophets. What does each example teach about human nature?
- 4. **Agree or disagree:** Jesus always gets what he wants.

- 5. The Bible teaches that it is possible for a human being to reject God's love (Luke 13:34, 1 Cor. 10:12). The Bible teaches that Jesus will hold us securely in our faith (John 10:27-29, Philippians 1:6). Those two truths are in tension with one another, but how do both force us to rely on Jesus?
- 6. Pastor said that by God's grace we don't want to kill God's messengers, but the story of Jerusalem is a cautionary tale. In your own words, how would you put the warning?
- 7. Can you list 5 ways Jesus showed love for people who rejected him?
- 8. Take 30 seconds to think about this: Jesus loves and longs to save even those who have resisted or rejected him. Whom does that thought bring to your mind?
- 9. How might you show Jesus' determined love to the someone who is resisting him?
- 10. List at least three roles you fill in which you can show love to others. Then identify which roles only you can do. For a role that only you can do, list one way you could show Jesus' determined love to those you serve.
- 11. What's your number one take away from this Bible account/sermon/Bible study?