

¹¹ While they were listening to these things, Jesus added an analogy because he was within grasp of Jerusalem and they assumed that the Rule of the Creator was about to immediately appear. ¹² Therefore, Jesus said,

“A person of good birth went to a far-off land to receive his own rule and then to turn back. ¹³ Calling ten of his own slaves, he gave each of them one-hundred-days’ pay and said to them,

‘Do business till I come back.’

¹⁴ His citizens were disowning him and sent an ambassador behind him, saying,

‘We do not want him to rule over us!’

¹⁵ When he returned, after receiving the rule, he summoned those slaves, to whom he had given the silver, so he would know what they had profited through business. ¹⁶ The first came forth, saying,

‘Lord, your one-hundred-days’ pay was worked to become ten times that.’

¹⁷ He said to him,

‘Well done, good slave! Because you became trustful with the least, you will have authority over ten cities!’

¹⁸ The second came, saying,

‘Lord, your one-hundred-days’ pay made five times that.’

¹⁹ He also said to this one,

‘You also, be above five cities!’

²⁰ Another came, saying,

‘Lord, look! Your one-hundred-days’ pay, which I have, is laid away in a tissue. ²¹ I was fearing you, because you are a harsh person. You are taking up what you did not put down and are harvesting where you did not scatter seed!’

²² He said to him,

‘I will judge you from your own mouth, evil slave! You knew that I was a harsh person, taking up what I did not put down and harvesting where I did not scatter seed? ²³ Then why did you not give my silver to a bank-table and then back to me with whatever interest it made?’

²⁴ He said to those standing by,

‘Take away from him the one-hundred-days’ pay and give it to the one having ten times that!’

²⁵ But they said to him,

‘Lord, he has one-thousand-days’ pay!’

²⁶ He replied,

‘I say to you, to everyone that has, it will be given! From the one who does not have, even what he has will be taken away! ²⁷ But these enemies of mine, who were not wanting me to rule over them, bring them here and slaughter them in front of me!’”

²⁸ After saying these things, Jesus began going in front, heading up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ As he was within grasp of Bethphage and Bethany, before the mountain which is called Olive Trees, Jesus sent two of his apprentices, ³⁰ saying,

“Go into the opposite village. Upon entering into it you will find a young donkey bound up, upon which no person has ever sat. After releasing it, bring it. ³¹ If someone asks you,

‘Why are you releasing it?’

you will say this,

‘The Lord has a need for it.’”

³² Going, those who were sent found it as Jesus had said to them. ³³ As they were releasing the young donkey its lords said to them,

“Why are you releasing the young donkey?”

³⁴ They said,

“Because the Lord has a need for it.”

³⁵ They brought it to Jesus and, throwing their garments upon the young donkey, they mounted Jesus upon it. ³⁶ As he went, they began spreading out their garments on the way.

³⁷ When Jesus was within grasp of Jerusalem, already to the descent of the Mountain of the Olive Trees, the entire multitude of apprentices began rejoicing—they were praising the Creator, with a great voice, about all the things of power they saw, ³⁸ saying,

“‘Honored is the one who is arriving—the ruler with the name of the Lord!’ Harmony in heaven and triumph in the highest!”

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees from the crowd said to him,

“Teacher, rebuke your apprentices!”

⁴⁰ Answering, Jesus said,

“I say to you, if these were silent, the stones would shout!”

⁴¹ When Jesus was within grasp of the city, he saw it and wept over it, ⁴² saying,

“If only you knew on this day what brought harmony! But now it is hidden from your eyes. ⁴³ For the days will come upon you, when your enemies will encircle you with a barricade, surround you, constrict you on all sides, ⁴⁴ tear you and your children within you to the ground, and will not set free a stone upon stone within you. All these things because you did not know the season of your visitation!”

⁴⁵ Entering into the temple-complex, Jesus began to cast out those who were selling, ⁴⁶ saying to them,

“It is written, ‘my house will be a house of prayer,’ but you have made it a ‘cave of terrorists!’”

⁴⁷ Jesus began teaching daily in the temple-complex. The leaders of the temple-caretakers, the writers, and the first-rank people began seeking to destroy Jesus. ⁴⁸ But they were not finding how they could do it, for the people were all hanging on Jesus, listening.