

“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem”

Sermon Notes

- **If we desire to have Christian convictions about Israel, we are wise to consider Christ's convictions about Israel**

**3 rock-solid, biblical truths that every Christ-follower ought to hold about God's ancient covenant people...*

1. Not all _____ is _____ (vv. 31-32; Romans 2:28-29; 9:6)

2. A partial _____ has come upon _____ (vv. 33-35a; Romans 11:25)

3. One day, _____ will be saved (v. 35b; Psalm 118:22-26; Zechariah 12:10; Luke 21:24; Acts 3:21; Romans 11:12, 14-15, Romans 11:23-24, 25-36)

Next Week: Luke 14:1-24 - “Table Manners”

MEFC Community Group Study Questions

For the Week of May 27th – June 2nd

Getting Started

1. What are you reading in the headlines these days about the nation of Israel? Why is it that a country the size of New Jersey with a population of less than 9 million is daily in the worldwide news?

Digging Deeper

2. On a scale from 1-10 (1 being never and 10 being constantly), how much thought do you give to God’s heart for the Jewish people? Is it important for a Christian to be well-informed about the past, present, and future of the nation of Israel? Why or why not?

Open Your Bible to Luke 13:31-35...

3. In verse 31, Luke tells us that the Pharisees warned Jesus about King Herod Antipas’s murderous intentions towards Him. To this point in Luke’s Gospel, the Pharisees have been in significant opposition to Christ. What, do you suppose, is their motive in this?

4. What is Jesus’ response to the Pharisees (v.32-33)? Why does he refer to Herod as a “fox”? What sort of relationship does Herod have with Jesus throughout Luke’s Gospel? (Luke 8:3, 9:7-9, 23:6-15).

5. Does the Pharisees’ warning accomplish their intent? Why, according to verse 33, does Jesus remain unmoved by their cautions?

6. Take some time to examine the variety of emotions that Jesus exhibits toward Israel (i.e. “Jerusalem”) in verse 34. His relationship with His people is complicated, is it not? Why is this so?

7. Considering Jesus’ range of emotions toward the Jewish people, how ought Christians to view Israel today? What cues ought we to take from Jesus’ response toward these people?

8. Speaking of Israel, Jesus says in verse 35, “your house is forsaken.” How does Paul reflect a similar truth in Romans 11:7-12 and 11:25? As you consider Jews as a whole today, do you find this to be true? Why or why not? How ought this to impact our prospects for and practice of evangelization of Jews today (Romans 1:16)?

9. Why is Luke 19:37-40 not the fulfillment of Luke 13:35? How does verse 35 as well as the following passages speak to the hope of a future massive conversion of the Jews (Psalm 118:26; Zechariah 12:10; Luke 21:24; Acts 3:17-21; Romans 11:11-36)?