

Shape of Luke 17.11-19.48 preparing for Jesus' Passion and Resurrection

THEME: DISCIPLES MUST BE PREPARED FOR JESUS AND THEMSELVES TO BE REJECTED

green = poor/nonelite blue = disciples purple = Rome/Jerusalem/elite

PASSAGE	THEME	ELEMENT OF REJECTION
17.11-19	Ten lepers healed, but only one praises/gives thanks to Jesus/God	Even most of the marginalized won't embrace Jesus and his Way
17.20-21	The reign of God is <i>entos</i> (inside/among) you	
17.22-37	The "day(s)" of the Human One from which the disciples are called to "escape" the judgment on Jerusalem/Rome	Jerusalem/Rome will reject the Human One and thus face God's judgment
18.1-8	Widow seeking justice: the Roman "justice" system is totally corrupt; God is not like the judge, and will God bring justice to the faithful ones	The imperial legal system will not support Jesus or disciples
18.9-14	Parable of true "justification" before God	The self-justified are not justified by God
18.15-17	One must receive the reign of God like little children	The disciples try to stop children from coming to Jesus
18.18-30	Rich ruler goes away sad	Even the "pious" rich reject the Way of Jesus; but what is impossible for people is possible for God
18.31-34	Passion Portent	Not understood by disciples
18.35-43	Blind man "beside the way" gains sight	Those "in front" try to silence him
19.1-10	Zacchaeus, the rich tax collector who gives back, is a "son of Abraham"	All "grumble" about Jesus being Zacchaeus' house guest
19.11-27	Warning against imminent eschatological exuberance	Resisters to Rome/Jerusalem are punished severely
19.28-40	Preparation for entry into Jerusalem	Pharisees seek to silence the disciples
19.41-44	Jesus weeps over Jerusalem	It did not know the <i>kairos</i> of its visitation
19.45-48	Entry into Jerusalem and condemnation of temple as "den of robbers"	Sanhedrin seeks a way to kill Jesus