



Lament over Jerusalem

Luke 13:31-35

Something to Start Us Off

- Do you know anyone who was given all kinds of advantages and yet didn't make very good use of them? Can you try to describe that person's situation?

Something to Notice

- What warning did the Pharisees give to Jesus to start this passage? And how did Jesus respond?
- How did Jesus characterize Jerusalem in v. 34?
- In v.35, when did Jesus say that Jerusalem would see him again?

Something to Understand

Read Matthew 11:20-24 for another passage in which Jesus laments over certain cities in which he carried out his ministry.

- Based on the words of Jesus, how would you describe his opinion of Herod?
- In v.33, it seems that Jesus is saying that he will perish, and yet in v.35, he seems to say that they might see him again. What do you think he is talking about?
- Let's try to describe the overall plight of Jerusalem in your own words, or if you can think of any, using biblical examples.
- Who (or maybe what city) do you think is in a similar situation now as the Jerusalem of Jesus' day?

Something to Take Home

- Based on our study of this section of Luke 13, in what ways might the story of Jerusalem motivate us in our spiritual life?
- Is there anything else from this look at Luke 13:18-21 that you especially want to remember for future reference? Can you explain why?