**CHAPTER 19**

*Zacheus entertains Christ. The parable of the pounds. Christ rides upon an ass, and weeps over Jerusalem.*

**1** And entering in, he walked through Jericho.

**2** And behold, there was a man named Zacheus, who was the chief of the publicans, and he was rich.

**3** And he sought to see Jesus who he was, and he could not for the crowd, because he was low of stature.

**4** And running before, he climbed up into a sycamore tree, that he might see him; for he was to pass that way.

**5** And when Jesus was come to the place, looking up, he saw him, and said to him: Zacheus, make haste and come down; for this day I must abide in thy house.

**6** And he made haste and came down; and received him with joy.

**7** And when all saw it, they murmured, saying, that he was gone to be a guest with a man that was a sinner.

**8** But Zacheus standing, said to the Lord: Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have wronged any man of any thing, I restore him fourfold.

**9** Jesus said to him: This day is salvation come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham.

**10** For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

**11** As they were hearing these things, he added and spoke a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately be manifested.

**12** He said therefore: A certain nobleman went into a far country, to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return.

**13** And calling his ten servants, he gave them ten pounds, and said to them: Trade till I come.

**14** But his citizens hated him: and they sent an embassage after him, saying: We will not have this man to reign over us.

**15** And it came to pass, that he returned, having received the kingdom: and he commanded his servants to be called, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading.

**16** And the first came, saying: Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds.

**17** And he said to him: Well done, thou good servant, because thou hast been faithful in a little, thou shalt have power over ten cities.

**18** And the second came, saying: Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds.

**19** And he said to him: Be thou also over five cities.

**20** And another came, saying: Lord, behold here is thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin;

**21** For I feared thee, because thou art an austere man: thou takest up what thou didst not lay down, and thou reapest that which thou didst not sow.

**22** He saith to him: Out of thy own mouth I judge thee, thou wicked servant. Thou knewest that I was an austere man, taking up what I laid not down, and reaping that which I did not sow:

**23** And why then didst thou not give my money into the bank, that at my coming, I might have exacted it with usury?

**24** And he said to them that stood by: Take the pound away from him, and give it to him that hath ten pounds.

**25** And they said to him: Lord, he hath ten pounds.

**26** But I say to you, that to every one that hath shall be given, and he shall abound: and from him that hath not, even that which he hath, shall be taken from him.

**27** But as for those my enemies, who would not have me reign over them, bring them hither, and kill them before me.

**28** And having said these things, he went before, going up to Jerusalem.

**29** And it came to pass, when he was come nigh to Bethphage and Bethania, unto the mount called Olivet, he sent two of his disciples,

**30** Saying: Go into the town which is over against you, at your entering into which you shall find the colt of an ass tied, on which no man ever hath sitten: loose him, and bring him hither.

**31** And if any man shall ask you: Why do you loose him? you shall say thus unto him: Because the Lord hath need of his service.

**32** And they that were sent, went their way, and found the colt standing, as he had said unto them.

**33** And as they were loosing the colt, the owners thereof said to them: Why loose you the colt?

**34** But they said: Because the Lord hath need of him.

**35** And they brought him to Jesus. And casting their garments on the colt, they set Jesus thereon.

**36** And as he went, they spread their clothes underneath in the way.

**37** And when he was now coming near the descent of mount Olivet, the whole multitude of his disciples began with joy to praise God with a loud voice, for all the mighty works they had seen,

**38** Saying: Blessed be the king who cometh in the name of the Lord, peace in heaven, and glory on high!

**39** And some of the Pharisees, from amongst the multitude, said to him: Master, rebuke thy disciples.

**40** To whom he said: I say to you, that if these shall hold their peace, the stones will cry out.

**41** And when he drew near, seeing the city, he wept over it, saying:

**42** If thou also hadst known, and that in this thy day, the things that are to thy peace; but now they are hidden from thy eyes.

**43** For the days shall come upon thee: and thy enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and straiten thee on every side,

**44** And beat thee flat to the ground, and thy children who are in thee: and they shall not leave in thee a stone upon a stone: because thou hast not known the time of thy visitation.

**45** And entering into the temple, he began to cast out them that sold therein, and them that bought.

**46** Saying to them: It is written: My house is the house of prayer. But you have made it a den of thieves.

**47** And he was teaching daily in the temple. And the chief priests and the scribes and the rulers of the people sought to destroy him.

**48** And they found not what to do to him: for all the people were very attentive to hear him.