

Study Guide for March 30th, 2003. Series: The Road to Jerusalem. Text: Luke 13:31-35 Sorrow.

Recall a time you were saddened by the awareness of dire consequences about to come upon someone you cared about. How did you express those feelings? Did your words persuade the individual to change?

I. Words of the Prophet. (Luke 13:31-33)

- A. Describe the statement of the Pharisees to Jesus? What do you think was their motive?
- B. Jesus calls Herod **that fox**. It was a symbol for being sly or an insignificant and worthless man.
- 1) What picture do you get of Herod from this passage along with Matt. 14:1-12 & Luke 23:8-12?
 - 2) How would you characterize Jesus' response to the warning? (see Jn 2:4, 7:30, 8:20, 12:21-33)
 - 3) What does Jesus say he will do? When will he reach his goal? Where will it occur?
 - 4) What can we learn from Jesus' response regarding our life and work? (see Acts 20:22-24)

II. Lament of a Parent. (Luke 13:34-35)

- A. How would you characterize the feeling of Jesus' words over Jerusalem?
- B. What does the image of a hen gathering her chicks communicate? (see Ps. 57:1, 61:4 & Is. 31:5)
- C. When would Jesus' words (vs. 35) be fulfilled? (see Zech. 12:10 and Rev. 1:7)
- D. In light of this warning by Jesus, what should be our response? (see Hebrews 2:1-4)

III. God's Sovereignty and Human Responsibility. In our passage we have the haunting words of Jesus to the people of Jerusalem, "I longed to gather your children together . . . but you were not willing! Consider the following passages which highlight aspects of this mystery. How should you respond to this biblical truth? How do you hold together God's sovereignty and man's responsibility?

- A. God's concern for sinners: (see Ezek. 33:10-11, I Tim. 2:1-7, II Peter 3:8-10)
- B. God's sovereignty in bringing people to salvation: (see Jn. 6:43-45, 65, Eph. 1:3-6, II Tim. 1:8-10)
- C. God's invitation to sinners: (see Matt. 11:28-30, Jn. 1:10-13, & Rev. 22:17)
- D. Man's responsibility to accept God's invitation: (see Jn. 3:16-18, 5:40, 8:43-44, Rom. 1:18-20)