

CHRIST TEACHES ON ENTERING THE KINGDOM

(Luke 13:18-30)

A. JESUS TEACHES ON THE NEED FOR REPENTANCE (Luke 13:1-5)

B. THE PARABLE OF THE FRUITLESS FIG TREE (Luke 13:6-9)

C. JESUS HEALS A WOMAN ON THE SABBATH (Luke 13:10-17)

D. TWO PARABLES ON THE EARTHLY KINGDOM (Luke 13:18-21)

1. Since many in the synagogue responded _____ to Jesus' miracle, He gave them additional _____ by teaching them about the coming Messianic kingdom. (vv. 18-30)
2. The parable of the "*mustard seed*" taught that even though the _____, visible perception of the kingdom was obscure and hardly distinguishable, it would continue to _____ until it would eventually consume the entire world. (vv. 18-19)
3. The parable of "*hidden yeast*" emphasized the _____ influence of the kingdom; while leaven (the kingdom) is hidden from sight in the dough (the world), it will be evident when it eventually _____. (vv. 20-21)

E. JESUS TEACHES ON ENTERING THE EARTHLY KINGDOM (Luke 13:22-30)

1. Throughout this latter section in Luke, the theme of entering into the kingdom is often symbolized as taking part in a _____ or _____. (13:24-30; 14:7-24; 15:23; 17:7-10)
2. To indicate movement and separation in his narrative, Luke reminded us that while Jesus was "*teaching*" He was also "*journeying toward* _____," His destination—the _____. (v. 22)

3. Jesus did not answer the question directly, but He said the “*gate*” to the kingdom was “_____,” which is what He taught rather than the _____ way of the religious leaders. (vv. 23-24, cf. Matt. 7:13-14)

* Why would Jesus use a word like “*strive*” when talking about entrance into the kingdom?

4. To the Jewish mind, _____ was always related to the _____, but the way they needed to enter it was by accepting their Messiah by faith.

5. In Jesus’ story of the banquet, there was coming a time when the _____ of the kingdom was going to be _____, which should have urged His audience to respond immediately rather than delay any longer. (v. 25)

6. Christ was stating that being a mere _____ of His, was not enough, His listeners needed to accept His invitation by _____ before it was too late. (vv. 26-27)

7. _____ would not be allowed into the kingdom, but they will watch the great patriarchs of the Jewish faith, and even _____ from around the world enter in, while they will be refused at the door. (vv. 28-30)

* What can you personally apply from this passage today?