

“If Jesus Came Today”

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Text: Luke 19:1

Theme: What would Happen if Jesus came to our town today?

Introduction:

1. What happens when illustrious people come to town-
 - a. Make mention of some famous people visiting a place today
2. A great day for Jericho - The Carpenter had come to town
3. When Jesus comes again it will be in judgment, but what would happen if He came today as He came to Jericho?

Discussion:

I. What would He Find?

- A. Some born-again Christians.
- B. Some worldly church members
- C. Some outright sinners
- D. Some good moral people
- E. Some who intended to become Christians

II. What Would He Preach?

- A. The importance of faith- John 8:24- we live in a world of unbelief
- B. The necessity of repentance- Luke 13:3
- C. The Power of public confession- Matthew 10:32
- D. The imperative of the new birth- John 3:3-5
- E. The value of godly living- Matthew 5:20

III. Who Would Accept Him?

- A. It seems logical that only those who accept Him now would accept Him then.
 - 1. His teaching is the same
 - 2. His invitation is the same
 - 3. His way of life is the same
- B. Yet if Jesus came- if men could see His love and mercy- the aisles would be filled with the penitent.

Conclusion:

- 1. This would happen if Jesus came to town, but Jesus has come- He is here in this His Word, the Spirit, and His invitation.
- 2. "He entered and was passing through" - He will not force Himself upon anyone.
- 3. Will you open the door and invite Him in.

Invitation: