

**Sermon Text:** Luke 19:11-27 Faithfulness Amid Conflict

**Christ calls us to faithfully invest our lives for His Kingdom even amid rebellion against His reign.**

**1) Christ has received dominion over all nations (19:11-12, 15).**

- a) Context: a misunderstanding about the timing of Christ's Kingdom (v. 11)—“to appear immediately”
- b) Correction:
  - i) “a far country” (v. 12a)—crucifixion, resurrection
  - ii) “to receive a kingdom” (v. 12b)—ascension
  - iii) “and then return” (v. 12c)—Parousia/Second Coming
  - iv) “having received the kingdom” (v. 15)—inaugurated kingdom awaiting consummation
- c) **Application:** Universal call to repentance, faith, and discipleship (Acts 17:30-31; Matt. 28:18-20)

**2) Christ has endowed His Church with resources to serve His purposes while we await His return (19:13).**

- a) Ten servants represent the Church.
- b) Ten minas represent sufficient resources
- c) Command: “Engage in business until I come.”
- d) **Application:** We are equipped and commanded to be engaged in *Kingdom* work, not only personal holiness.

**3) The nations, beginning with Judea, rebel against His throne (19:14).**

- a) “His citizens hated him” they hated Archelaus and his son Herod for good reason, but they hated Jesus because His rule exalts the lowly and humbles the exalted
  - i) Jews rebel first, handing Jesus over to be crucified (22:47-23:23) and later attacking His Church (Acts)
  - ii) Gentiles (Rome) rebels, crucifying Jesus (23:24-38) and later attacking His Church (Acts, Paul's letters, Peter's letters, Revelation)
- b) **Application:** Human autonomy refuses Christ's authority.

**4) The Church is to faithfully serve as a counter-insurgency full of hope (19:15-27).**

- a) Stewardship Examined (v. 15)
- b) Faithful Stewardship Rewarded (vv. 16-19)
- c) Fearful Stewardship Rebuked (vv. 20-24)
- d) Faithful Stewardship Encouraged (vv. 25-26)
- e) Kingdom Consummated in Righteous Judgment (v. 27)
- f) **Application:**
  - i) The Church is a counter-insurgency
  - ii) Hope, because Christ is not a Herodian.
    - (1) Christ is returning!
    - (2) Christ will judge the world in righteousness.
    - (3) Christ will reward His “good servants” with greater service.
    - (4) Christ is not a “severe man, taking what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow.” Jesus comes in peace (19:28-40) and weeps over Jerusalem's willful blindness (19:41-44).

**Doxology:** To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood and made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him, and all tribes of the earth will mourn on account of Him. Even so. Amen.