

# Following Jesus - The Life of a Disciple - Part 32

## Lesson 32 – Further Conflict

### Background:

This lesson marks the beginning of a shift in Jesus' ministry. He is now moving away from Galilee, Judea and Jerusalem. The focus of His ministry becomes Perea – to the east of Jerusalem and the Jordan river.

The purpose of His ministry in this area was to prepare His disciples for what was coming – His death and resurrection. His goal was to teach them how to continue His ministry.

This period lasted about 3 months and ended with His death and resurrection in Jerusalem.

Take time to look at the maps in the link below. Look at map 6. Comments 4-6 are especially relevant.

[Maps of Jesus Travels](#)

### Scripture Passage:

Read: [John 10:40-42](#); [Luke 13:22-35 - 14:1-24](#)

### Read the Following Quote:

"It is, of course, only natural that as Christ's journey brought him ever nearer to his own destination of glory, he should remind people ever more frequently of the two possible destinations that await them at the end of their journey through life: inside the Father's house with its banquet of joy and satisfaction, and outside the Father's house with its eternal frustrations and pains. And since it is possible for people to miss the Father's house, it is understandable that he should spend a great deal of time analysing the various reasons why some people's journey through life will end so disastrously."

[David Gooding](#)

### Question:

Why do you think that so many people miss the way to "the Father's house"?

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### Scripture Passage:

Now answer the questions based on [John 10:40-42](#)

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## Back Across the Jordan

1. Why do you think that “many people believed in Jesus” in this area. What needs to happen for a person to believe in Jesus.

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## The Narrow Door [Luke 13:22-30](#)

2. Someone asked Jesus, “are only a few going to be saved?” Why do you think that they asked that question? How does Jesus reply? Does His answer surprise you?

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3. Is it possible that people could “eat and drink” with Jesus and not be saved? What might this mean for us today? Discuss verse 28. What is the main point of Jesus’ teaching in this entire passage?

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## Jesus’ Sorrow for Jerusalem [Luke 13:31-35](#)

1. Now Herod Antipas is mentioned. Check [this map](#) to see the territory he ruled. Why would the Pharisees warn Jesus to leave this area? Do you think that Herod was dangerous?

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2. Why do you think that most political leaders are worried about the influence of Jesus? Why would Jesus call Herod a fox? Was this an honour or an insult?

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3. What do you think Jesus means in verses 34-35? What needs to happen if Jerusalem is ever to welcome Jesus?

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## Jesus at a Pharisee’s House; Read [Luke 14:1-14](#)

4. Describe the setting in verses 1-4. What does Jesus do? Why were the Pharisees silent? What does Jesus mean in verses 5-6?

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5. What are the seats of honour in your culture? Are there any? Is it important to seek honour? Is it important to show honour and respect? What does Jesus say? Compare [James 4:10](#); [I Peter 5:6](#) How can we humble ourselves?
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6. How does Jesus turn common everyday culture upside down in verses 12-14? Who could you invite to your home if you wanted to follow this principle?
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## The Parable of the Great Banquet [Luke 14:15-23](#)

7. In this passage, Jesus illustrates His teaching from verses 12-14. Describe the passage in your own words. What point do you think Jesus is making?
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## The Parable of the Great Banquet [Luke 14:25-35](#)

8. Do verses 25-27 seem harsh to you? What is the point Jesus is trying to make? In what sense should we put Jesus ahead of our family?
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9. How does Jesus illustrate his point in verses 28-35? Discuss
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**Suggested Prayer:** *Heavenly Father, teach us to be humble, and keep us from the sin of pride. Show us how to put Jesus ahead of everything and everyone else and give us the strength to do this. Give us the boldness to speak out against those who are critical of Jesus and give us the words to speak. Help us to focus on your kingdom and not earthly ones of our own making. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.*

### For Further Reading:

[Herod Antipas](#) ; [Herod Antipas in the Bible and Beyond](#)

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