

The Lament of Jerusalem

Luke 13:31–35

Main Point

Christ accomplished redemption so you can escape eternal judgment.

I. The Goal — *Sacrifice*

A. The Pharisee's Warning

1. The pharisees warn Jesus about Herod Antipas (the son of Herod the Great).
2. Herod had been curious about Jesus (9:7–9).
3. Herod would eventually mock and scorn Jesus (cf Luke 23:6–16).

B. The Lord's Response

1. Cast out demons and cure diseases — authority of the King.
2. “Today and tomorrow and the third day” — a figure of speech indicating that Christ would complete His goal to the fullest.
3. “It cannot be that a prophet should perish outside of Jerusalem” — Christ, the ultimate Prophet, would journey to Jerusalem where He (like many of the Old Testament prophets before Him) would be rejected and killed.

II. The Sentence — *Judgment*

A. The Heart of the Lord

1. The picture of a hen gathering her chicks is one used often by the Lord in the Old Testament (e.g., Deut. 32:10–11)
2. The issue at hand was not the heart of the Lord; it was the willingness of the people.

B. The Judgment of the King

1. Physical Judgment — A.D. 70
2. Spiritual Judgment — hardening (cf. Rom. 10:1; 11:25)
3. Future Hope of Restoration — cf. Is. 53; Ps. 118:26