The Parable of the Ten Minas

Let's continue to travel along with Jesus to Jerusalem through this "Little Paradise" called Jericho. As you remember He has miraculously healed 2 men in that city, Zacchaeus, the chief tax collector was spiritually healed about which we studied in our last meeting and "Bar" (Son of) Timaeus the blind beggar was not just physically but also spiritually healed. Jericho has now 2 new converts, 2 new "sons of Abraham" who are following our Lord.

Now there were scores of disciples including the 12 Apostles who have witnessed the miracles and heard the teachings of Jesus on the "Kingdom of God" mentioned in Chap.17 & 18, these people were following Him to Jerusalem. They have seen the dramatic transformation (that always accompanies salvation) in the life of a "short" man. They have heard the climatic mission statement of Jesus' earthly ministry which is "To seek and save the lost" (***v.10***). That was the only motive and the purpose of His 1st coming. How is He going to accomplish that? He had explained to them in many ways at many different times at many different places.

Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. (***Matt 5:17 – Sermon on the Mount***)
*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor (in spirit). He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives (under the bondage of sin) and recovering of sight to the blind (spiritually blinded by the god of this world), to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." (**Luke 4:18-19,21 – At the synagogue in Nazareth quoting Isa 61:1-2a**)*
*I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose." (**Luke 4:43**)*
*I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.(**Luke 5:32 – At the house of Levi**)*
*For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many (**Mark 10:45**)*
*From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." (**Matt 4:17**- The very 1st sermon sets the tone for His earthly ministry)*

Yet no one completely understood Him and His mission. He came to fulfill the OT commandments and prophecies, proclaim the good news of repentance and salvation and to give His life as a ransom for many. He summarized all of the purposes by saying "The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost". He didn't come to make bad people good but dead people alive. Even when Jesus spelt out every detail of what is awaiting Him in Jerusalem in ***18:31-34***, Luke says the 12 Apostles didn't understand anything. There was no response from them. It's not because of the complexity in the revelation or lack of intelligence to perceive but because it was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said. (***v.34***).

So in the minds of the disciples and the religious crowd, the Messiah shouldn't suffer and die. How can the "Anointed One", the Christ be a "Man of Sorrows"? It's unacceptable and impossible. How can He be smitten by God and afflicted? After all He is sinless. Why would God punish Him?

*From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." (**Matt 16:21-23 – it can never happen because Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God**)*

Isaiah 53, Ps 22, 69 and other OT passages referring or alluding to the "Suffering Servant" didn't make sense to them. They resisted this idea that it was the will of the LORD to crush him. Many were even unaware of such

prophecies. In their deprived human mind, if Jesus was the Son of Man then He should fulfill ***Dan 7:13-14****, "I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed."*

That's what happens when we don't study the Word of God. We misinterpret and are misled. As Paul says, we'll be tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting (***Eph 4:14***).

For some years now I have read through the Bible twice every year. If you picture the Bible to be a mighty tree and every word a little branch, I have shaken every one of these branches because I wanted to know what it was and what it meant. – Martin Luther

The religious leaders and the Jews didn't know that the Messiah would come twice. For them it was just once which is referred to as the "Day of the LORD" and when He comes He will destroy His enemies, vindicate His people, set up His physical kingdom and rule forever. They were completely ignorant of the spiritual aspect of the kingdom.

Let's read Luke Chap. 19:11-27.

<u>Purpose:</u>

v.11 *- As they heard these things, he proceeded to tell a parable, because he was near to Jerusalem, and because they supposed that the kingdom of God was to appear immediately.*

Jesus now addresses all of them here – those who were true disciples and others who were going along for the ride. He tells this parable to those who were told about His own impending suffering, death and resurrection few days from then in Jerusalem (***18:31-33***) and those who have misunderstood His mission completely. To those who believed He was the Messiah and those who believed that He was just a Prophet from Nazareth of Galilee. Jesus teaches these ignorant men on the subject of the "Kingdom of God" for the last time before heading to the cross. <u>He corrects their understanding about His 1st coming and alters their expectations on the nature of the kingdom that was in the midst of them.</u> He did this earlier too in His discourse in Chap 17:20-37. Jesus corrected the understanding of the Pharisees who asked Him, "When the kingdom of God would come". They were looking for external signs but Jesus said "the kingdom of God is in the midst of you".

And now again He corrects the understanding of a crowd who were eager and desperate for the Messiah to establish a political earthly kingdom, overthrow Rome, protect the Jews, and reign over all the nations forever from Jerusalem. Many were following Jesus to be part of this spectacular event as He was approaching Jerusalem. They were anticipating the arrival of the Millennial Kingdom immediately.

It was the prevalent view among the Jews. Passover season was always an emotionally charged time for the Jews because it reminded them of their deliverance from the slavery of Egypt. This annual celebration aggravated the misery of their bondage to Rome and made them yearn all the more for a deliverer. So Jesus told them this parable to clarify their skewed opinion.

Through this parable Jesus taught several important lessons. He repeated His awaiting rejection and future return, He clarified the time when the Kingdom would appear and explained the duty of His true disciples during His absence from the earth.

Parable:

There are 2 things that need to be mentioned before we study the Parable.

1. This parable is unique among the parables of Jesus because it is partly based on an actual historical event.

At the time of Christ's birth Palestine was governed by Herod the Great who died in 4 B.C., He left Judea to his son Archelaus, who had to go to Rome to have the inheritance approved. Right away to establish his power and authority and intimidate the people in the 1st Passover after he took over he killed 3000 Jews. Not wanting Archelaus as their ruler, the Jews sent 50 men to argue their case before Augustus Caesar, who did approve the inheritance without giving Archelaus the title of "king". On his return to Judea, this ethnarch (ruler of a province) took a bloody and merciless vengeance on those Jews who rebelled. That made the Jews revolt all the more and because Archelaus' was so incompetent and tyrannical, Rome quickly replaced him with a succession of procurators (governors or officials), of whom Pontius Pilate was the fifth. Anyone who heard this parable would have immediately remembered this event.

2. This is not the same parable as the one mentioned in *Matt 25:14-30* called the "Parable of the talents" though it resembles that.

Jesus told that on the Mount of Olives (Olivet Discourse) to His disciples only who came to Him privately (***Matt 24:3***). The purpose of that Parable was to explain the disciples on when the Temple be destroyed and what will be the signs of His 2nd coming. When He told this "Parable of the Ten Minas" it was to everyone around Him publicly and He is yet to enter into Jerusalem ie he was near to Jerusalem (***v.11***). The purpose was to correct their misunderstanding about His 1st coming. They are similar but not the same. They were told for different purposes to different audience at different locations. Hope it has cleared the confusion.

Earthly Story

Characters:

1. Nobleman

v.12 *- He said therefore, "A nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and then return.*

Jesus starts the story by introducing this nobleman who was on a mission. As in most of the parables, Jesus didn't mention or give him a name. So this man of noble birth is going to a distant or a far country. Why is he taking a long distance trip? To receive for himself a kingdom and then return back to the place where he came from. He is not going to settle down in that far country. He is going to return.

This was the way the kings in Roman provinces like Judea, Galilee and Perea received their kingdom. Herod the Great himself went to Rome to receive Palestine and so were Herod Antipas, Philip and Archelus to get their respective provinces and they all returned back to rule them. So nothing is unusual about this for the people who heard.

2. Slaves

v.13 *- Calling ten of his servants, he gave them ten minas, and said to them, 'Engage in business until I come.'*

Before he went, he called 10 of his "doulos" ie slaves (NASB), not servants or even bondservants but slaves and

assigned each of them a task. Each of them was given 1 mina, a Greek measure of money which was about 3 month's wages for a laborer, about 100 drachmas by the Master personally. He commanded them saying "Engage in business until I come". Again he stressed on the fact that He is going to return. Until then don't be lazy. Make yourself useful. Get busy. The Gk. word pragmateuomai means "do business, trade, be engaged in a business".

3. Citizens

v.14 *- But his citizens hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We do not want this man to reign over us.'*

Talk of the striking similarity between this part of this story and what happened when Archelus went to Rome to receive his kingdom. The audience would have immediately remembered that event. Then the Jews in Judea hated Archelus just like the citizens of this story. They sent the delegation to Augustus Caesar and protested saying the same as the citizens, "We don't want him to be our king." The difference between the historical event and the story is that the citizens were evil and the ruler was noble opposite to the actual event.

Commission:

Each of 10 slaves was asked to do business with the mina that was given till the Master comes back (***v.13***). They were given the same amount of money and the same commission. In the Parable of the Talents there were only 3 slaves and each of them was given different amount, 5, 2 and 1 talent.

v.15 *- When he returned, having received the kingdom, he ordered these servants to whom he had given the money to be called to him, that he might know what they had gained by doing business.*

Now we diverge from the historical event. <u>Clearly the Master remembered the slaves and the commission. He expected them to make profit by engaging in business</u>. The slaves were well aware of the expectation. So as soon as he returned after receiving the kingdom the 10 slaves were ordered to come before him. The nobleman wants to know what they have gained with the mina given to them.

Commendation: (2 slaves)

v.16-19 *- The first came before him, saying, 'Lord, your mina has made ten minas more.' [17] And he said to him, 'Well done, good servant! Because you have been faithful in a very little, you shall have authority over ten cities.' [18] And the second came, saying, 'Lord, your mina has made five minas.' [19] And he said to him, 'And you are to be over five cities.'*

Though there were 10 slaves, Jesus mentions about just 3 of them who report - 2 who obeyed their Master and met his expectation and 1 who disobeyed and disappointed the Master. Notice the word "Kurios" meaning "Lord, Master". This is clearly slave terminology. So far the Master and the revolting citizens spoke. Now the slaves speak for themselves. They address the Nobleman respectfully and report to him what they did with the mina. They give an account of themselves.

The **first slave** gives a very positive report that by engaging in business he made 10 more minas, a return of 1000% (***v.16***). The Master commends him by saying "Well done" and rewards him for being so faithful. This slave proved to be good and because he was faithful in managing that "1 mina" (very little) the Master King gave him authority over 10 cities (***v.17***). It <u>was in proportion to the effort and outcome of his work</u>. He gained 10 minas and so given authority over 10 cities.

The **second slave** takes his stand and reports that he made 5 minas, a return of 500% (***v.18***). Though not so profitable as the 1st slave, this man was also faithful and profitable. So the Master decides to give him authority over

5 cities (***v.19***). He gained 5 minas and so 5 cities.

They both loved their master. They honored him. They were honored to serve him. They felt it a privilege. They gave him all the credit for everything that happened. It was your mina that did it all. You created the environment in which this would happen. They showed trustworthiness and commitment to do what was right. And they received a well done, good, faithful slave, and they were rewarded tremendously. Remember reward was not rest but the opportunity for more service.

Condemnation: (1 slave)

v.20-23 *- Then another came, saying, 'Lord, here is your mina, which I kept laid away in a handkerchief; [21] for I was afraid of you, because you are a severe man. You take what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.' [22] He said to him, 'I will condemn you with your own words, you wicked servant! You knew that I was a severe man, taking what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow? [23] Why then did you not put my money in the bank, and at my coming I might have collected it with interest?'*

Now Jesus turns the attention of His audience who were expecting the inauguration of the Millennial kingdom immediately to the next slave who was very different from other slaves. Jesus didn't use the words the "third slave" but the Gk. heteros which means "*another* (of a *different* kind)". He is not in the same category as the other 2. The Master possesses, provides and protects this slave too and yet he was not only unfaithful but now unkind towards the very one who is the reason for his existence.

Reaction (to the Commission) - This man took the mina and tucked it in a cloth or towel (***v.20***). This was very unproductive and unsafe. In Jesus' day if they had some valuables they bury it in the field. But this man was careless and thoughtless. When the other slaves who knew the Master very well took the effort to make profit for their Master why didn't this slave do the same?

Reason (for the reaction) - This slave puts the blame entirely on the Master for his own failure. He gave the reason for doing it was because he was afraid of the Master who according to him was a "harsh" man (***v.21***). NASB translates as "exacting" which means to make great demands on one's skill. This slave even explains the nature of the Master. Not that he's right but he's just using it justify his incompetence and failure. He had that audacity to say that the Nobleman was not noble in his character but cruel and evil. By saying "*take what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow" (**v.21**)* he implies that the Master was a thief, a man who steals and unjust. There was no repentance or even remorse, only resistance.

Response (of the king) - The king responds to this "character assassination" by condemning this "wicked" slave. He was not bad but wicked. ESV translates the Gk. word ponéros better. It's not worthless but wicked. The Master was kind and generous towards the other 2 slaves. That itself explains his character, contrary to what this evil slave claimed. Now using this evil slave's own words the Master condemns and confronts him saying the least the slave could have done is to deposit it in the bank so he can collect the 1 mina and the interest (***v.22-23***)

This slave was so wicked that he didn't care for the well being of his king. It was all about his own well-being. He didn't have respect or love towards the king. He didn't honor him. There was no commitment and trustworthiness. He was unfaithful and above all, he didn't know his Master at all. If he really feared him, he would have at least put it in the bank. Everything was pretention and it didn't take too long for the Master to identify his falsehood.

Chastisement:

v.24 *- And he said to those who stood by, 'Take the mina from him, and give it to the one who has the ten minas.'*

After condemning this wicked slave, the Master commands those who were watching to take the mina and give it to the “good slave” who had 10 minas. These bystanders could be the ones who were waiting in line to give an account, the other slaves. This wicked slave lost the only mina he had and was left empty-handed.

v.25 *- And they said to him, ‘Lord, he has ten minas!’*

The Master knew what he was doing but the other slaves didn’t. They were surprised at the judgment. They would have thought the Master would give it to someone who has less minas or even nothing. They didn’t understand the king’s action. The other slaves were not reminding or resisting the Master but respond in astonishment.

The story ends right here. Jesus then expresses the principle and the punishment.

Heavenly meaning

Characters:

1. Nobleman

The Nobleman is no other than our Lord Jesus Himself. Remember the purpose, which was to correct the understanding about His 1st coming. They were anticipating the arrival of the Millennial Kingdom immediately as soon He steps into Jerusalem. They were thinking that the Day of the LORD would appear.

*On that day his feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives that lies before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall be split in two from east to west by a very wide valley, so that one half of the Mount shall move northward, and the other half southward. [6] On that day there shall be no light, cold, or frost. [7] And there shall be a unique day, which is known to the LORD, neither day nor night, but at evening time there shall be light. [8] On that day living waters shall flow out from Jerusalem, half of them to the eastern sea and half of them to the western sea. It shall continue in summer as in winter. [9] <u>And the LORD will be king over all the earth</u>. On that day the LORD will be one and his name one.(**Zech 14:4-8**)*

Jesus corrected their view. Just like the Nobleman would receive the kingdom and return, so would Jesus who is of a noble birth (His father is God), after His death, burial, resurrection and ascension would receive the Kingdom from God the Father and would return to this earth to set up His physical kingdom just like Zechariah said. He is the King. It is the time for spiritual kingdom when He came the 1st time to seek and save the lost. Some time would elapse between His ascension and return.

*Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. [31] And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.(**Matt 24:30-31 –Jesus in the Olivet Discourse. The Majestic King will come with power and glory will be visible to all.**)*

*And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. [10] And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, [11] and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” (**Acts 1:9-11 – The Angels reminded them about His 2nd coming**)*

*“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”[17] The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” [20] He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! (**Rev 22:16-20 –***

When He comes will you be ready to meet Him?)

*He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, [14] in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. (**Col 1:13-14 – if you are a believer in Christ, you are now part of His spiritual kingdom and will one day be part of His physical kingdom; the spiritual kingdom is getting extended)***

*For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, "'The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand (symbol of authority and power), [35] until I make your enemies your footstool.' [36] Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." (**Acts 2:34-36 – Peter quoting Ps 110:1 in the Sermon at Pentecost – God has exalted Jesus and has given His approval by establishing Jesus as Lord.**)*

*Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. [12] His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. [13] He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. [14] And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. [15] From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. [16] On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.(**Rev 19:11-16 – All this will happen in the future and the church, tribulation saints and OT believers will return with Him to establish the Millennial physical kingdom on the earth** – **He will return and rule**)*

2. Slaves

As we saw, the Greek word is doulos. Slaves in the story represent Jesus' disciples, both true ie "good" and false ie "wicked". Those who are born-again, saved, love and follow Him represented by the 2 faithful slaves who turned 1 mina into 10 and 5 more minas and those who pretend all of that represented by that "wicked" slave who put it in a handkerchief. Case in point, look at the life of Judas Iscariot (John 6:70 – he was devil personified) and Simon the Magician (Acts 8).

*When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. (**John 6:60,66 – feeding the 5000 men with 5 barley loaves and 2 fishes**)*

*Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants (slaves) of God. (**1 Pet 2:16**)*

*They promise them freedom, but they themselves are **slaves of corruption**. For whatever overcomes a person, to that he is enslaved. For if, after they have escaped the **defilements of the world** through the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again **entangled** in them and overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first. [21] For it would have been better for them never to have known the way of righteousness than after knowing it to turn back from the holy commandment delivered to them.(**2 Pet 2:19-21 – Peter describing the False teachers**)*

These are the people who read a little, serve a little, give a little. Sunday Christians or Rice Christians. Convenience takes priority over Commitment. The ones who spread out their hands and offer many prayers but their hands are full of blood (Isa 1:15). They pretend and look like they are the slaves of Christ but in reality slaves of sin.

But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification

*and its end, eternal life. (**Rom 6:22**)*

*Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, [5] but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. (**1 John 2:4-5 – That is the litmus test of our faith**)*

3. Citizens

They represent the "enemies of God and the Lord Jesus" (***Rom 11:28***). These are the unbelieving, rebellious and sinful people. These are the ones who revolt against the King of Kings and are the children of the devil.

*For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. (**Rom 1:21; Ps 14:1**)*

*For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. [19] Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. (**Phil 3:18-19 – Recognize them by their fruits**)*

*See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven. Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, [29] for our God is a consuming fire. (**Heb 12:25,28-29** – exhortation to true believers and warning to false)*

Jesus then went on to express the principle behind His action related to the false disciple and pronounce the punishment to the citizens who rebelled against His authority.

Which group do you belong to?

Are you a faithful slave, a Christian always desiring to please your King? Do you love Him with all your heart, mind and soul? Are you interested in doing what He has commanded until He returns? What are you doing with your mina?

I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, [14] to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, (***1 Tim 6:13-14***)

OR

Are you an unfaithful, pretend-to-be a Christian always desiring to please yourself? Do you focus on the earthly things so much that at whatever cost you want to achieve it? Is it about power, publicity and prosperity? Are you deceiving others like a wolf in sheep's cloth? Are you interested in the benevolence of God rather than God Himself? Remember you cannot deceive God.

*For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. (**1 Cor 1:25**)*
*I the LORD search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds. (**Jer 17:10**)*
*No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money. (**Matt 6:24**)*
*Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. (1 **John 2:15**)*

Stop being a hypocrite. Repent to the King Jesus. Believe in Him and make it a priority to please Him only. Fill your

mind with the things of God. Be faithful.

OR

Are you an outright, rebellious person who hates Jesus? Do you resist being under the authority of Jesus? We belong to either the devil or Jesus. Whom do you belong?

*Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me. [43] Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word. [44] You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. (**John 8:42-44**)*

*How you are fallen from heaven, O Day Star, son of Dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low! [13] You said in your heart, '**I will ascend to heaven; above the stars of God I will set my throne on high**; I will sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north; [14] I will ascend above the heights of the clouds;**I will make myself like the Most High**.'[15] But you are brought down to Sheol, to the far reaches of the pit. (**Isa14:12-15 – Are you following the devil who himself rebelled against God and was eternally punished?**)*

You don't have to be eternally condemned. God loves you so much that He gave His only Son to die on the cross.

*But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God (**John 1:12**) Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life. And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. [28] Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice [29] and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment. (**John 5:24, 27-29**)*

Will you receive Him as your King and be part of His kingdom which shall never pass or be destroyed? Be a faithful child of God.