

Sermon Notes

Insights from Luke

#55 – “The Compassion of Christ” – Luke 13:31-35

I. Introduction

A. Contemplating the idea of the Trinity.

1. Illustrations to understand it.
2. A sub-category underneath the doctrine of the Trinity is the dual nature of Christ.
 - a. Hypostatic union -- Philippians 2:5-8
 - b. Sometimes Christians remember Jesus’ deity, but forget about his humanity.

B. Consider a renowned picture of Christ.

1. Warner Sallman’s depiction of Christ.
2. Violation of the second commandment – Exodus 20:4
3. Philip Ryken

C. Today’s Text – Luke 13:31-35

II. Exposition

A. Luke 13:31

1. Note setting – He had been talking about the narrow door.
2. Advice offered from the Pharisees.
 - a. They were actually His enemies – Luke 11.
 1. Sincerity in the question.

B. Luke 13:32-33

1. Possible communication between Herod and the Pharisees.

2. “Fox” – an idiom – cunning person.

3. Emphasis upon Jesus’ work.

a. He was resolute in completing the Father’s business.

4. Contrast to our unfinished business.

a. John 4:34; 17:4; 19:30

5. Verse 33 – a holy obligation.

a. Luke 9:22; 9:51

C. Luke 13:34

1. Similar to Matthew’s recording, but this remark was during the week of the cross – Matthew 23:37-39.
2. Jerusalem – almost synonymous for rejection of prophets.
 - a. Zechariah, Jeremiah, Nehemiah

D. Luke 13:35

1. “Behold” – Something important is coming.
2. A house desolate
 - a. Various views on meaning.
3. Note Israel’s long history of rebellion.
4. Yet, Jesus still leaves the door cracked for those prepared to come to faith.
 - a. Psalm 118:26

III. Points for Reflection

- A. Praise God, Jesus reached His goal!
- B. Jesus understood our heartbreak over people who refuse to repent and continue to accumulate wrath upon their heads.
- C. The offer of salvation, coupled with the command to repent, is generally made to all people.