• Luke 19:11

"...because they supposed the Kingdom of God would immediately appear"

#### APOCALYPTIC ENTHUSIASTS

- a) Previous passage ended, "Today salvation has come to this house"
- b) Passover THE CELEBRATION for Israel of political freedom and renewal

#### The New Testament - set of paradoxes

- 1. The Kingdom *HAS COME* in Jesus and yet it is still <u>IN</u> THE FUTURE
- 2. The Gospels also announce the Kingdom is *NEAR* and yet *FAR OFF*
- 3. And still Jesus' followers will <u>NEVER KNOW THE</u>
  <u>TIMING</u> of the Kingdom come and yet <u>HERE ARE THE</u>
  <u>SIGNS</u>

#### History:

- 40 BC Herod the Great made a trip to Rome to seek an appointment as King
- After he set out to Rome, a delegation was sent to protest his appointment
- When he returned with his royal power he exacted judgment on his enemies
- In 4BC after his death his son Archelaus did the same arguing his case against his half-brother Antipas

• Luke 19:12-15

#### The two KEY translations taken together:

1. "Engage in trade **BECAUSE** I am coming back"

Emphasis is faithfulness, not success

2. "What business has been transacted"

Emphasis is faithfulness, not success

• Luke 19:16-19

"Your pound has produced 10 pounds."

#### It Doesn't Feel Like Pressure:

1. They have faith the Master will return victorious with Power and Authority as THEIR rightful King

2. The Master's gifts will produce the results

• Luke 19:20-23

#### Psalm 18:25-26

"With the kind You show Yourself kind; With the blameless You show Yourself blameless; With the pure You show Yourself pure, And with the crooked You show Yourself astute."

• Luke 19:24-27