

I. Read Luke 13:31-35

- A. Why do you suppose the Pharisees tried to warn Jesus?

Read John 10:18; 19:11. Could anyone have really threatened Jesus' life if He had not allowed it?

- B. In verse 32, Jesus refers to Herod as "that fox." During most of Jesus' public ministry, He appears to be *apolitical*. However, His description of Herod *is* political in that He makes a statement about Herod's immoral and wicked ways (fox is a pejorative term). Should this have any impact on our approach to living out our Christian faith?

(Read John 18:36-37.) In view of Jesus' response to Pilate in John 18, is it appropriate to separate one's spiritual life completely from one's life in this world?

- C. In Luke 13:32, Jesus speaks of His "goal" (NAS). What was His "goal?"
- D. Why did Jesus speak of Jerusalem as the place that He must go to fulfill His "goal?"
- E. In what other way might Jerusalem be viewed as significant in considering verse 34?

F. How did Jesus feel about the Jews' rejection of Him?

Was Israel's rejection of Christ a surprise to God? (Read Romans 9:30-32; Galatians 3:6-9.)

Did God ever change His plan concerning Israel or the way of salvation?

Comment on the following statements:

- * When Obama was elected President, the kingdom of God was doomed!

- * Christians should stay out of politics!

- * God has changed His plan of salvation each time man fails the tests He presents him. These changes are called dispensations.

- * It is the Jews that are God's chosen people, and they are saved in a different way than Gentiles. Gentiles are saved by the gospel.

- * The highest calling from God is to serve Him full-time as a preacher or missionary!