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Holy Tuesday

Narrator: Andrew

Primary Scriptures: Luke 19:28-48, and chapters 20 and 21

Story Summary: Last week of Jesus' life

Location: Jerusalem

Time: Circa 30 AD

As you read the different Gospel accounts of the last week of Jesus' life, you have to be struck with his desperate efforts to teach his enemies as well as his friends. Jesus so badly wants to help everyone that he uses his precious time to convince everyone of his truth. However, with time running out, he talks with his followers about the future times and gives them his parting teachings and encouragements. He never sugarcoats their impending trials, but he does let them know that he doesn't have to wait for future victory ...he is already victorious!

Tuesday is when Jesus was issued various challenges by the Pharisees and Sadducees over subjects such as marriage in heaven, paying taxes to Caesar, and the source of His authority (Matthew 21:23—23:39; Mark 11:27—12:44; Luke 20:1—21:4). By this same interpretation, this is the day Jesus commented on the widow's donation (Mark 12; Luke 21) and was approached by a number of God-fearing Greeks (John 12:20—36). Tuesday would also be the day Jesus spoke His eight "woes" against the Pharisees (Matthew 23:13—36) and the evening on which He delivered the Olivet Discourse (Matthew 24—25; Mark 13; Luke 21:5—36).

Have you ever felt left out the way Andrew probably felt? He was an apostle of Jesus, but his three best friends were obviously more special than him, especially his brother, Peter. Do you suppose Jesus ever talked to Andrew about his situation? If you ever feel left out, do you concentrate on what you don't have, or what you do have?

The Pharisees very much valued the Temple and their rituals, but Jesus knew those things would soon go away. What do you value that may not have much value in the future?