A black drawstring bag is shown from a top-down perspective, lying on a white surface. The bag is partially open, and a pile of gold coins has spilled out onto the surface to its right. The coins are of various denominations and are scattered in a fan-like shape. The text is overlaid on the bag and the coins.

Jesus

and the parable of

THE MINAS

Luke 19:11-27

While they were listening to this, he went on to tell them a parable, because he was near Jerusalem and the people thought that the kingdom of God was going to appear at once.



ASSUMPTIONS

He said: "A man of noble birth went to a distant country to have himself appointed king and then to return.



Jesus adapted a local story:-

Herod's son – Archelaus – who reigned from about 4 B.C. – A.D. 6.

Who are the real characters of the parable?

So he called ten of his servants and gave them ten minas.
'Put this money to work,' he said, 'until I come back.'



- * His servants
- * Same value to each
- * Responsibilities - use it (stewards)
- * Return certain – possible long time gap

"But his subjects hated him and sent a delegation after him to say, 'We don't want this man to be our king.'

NOT WANTED

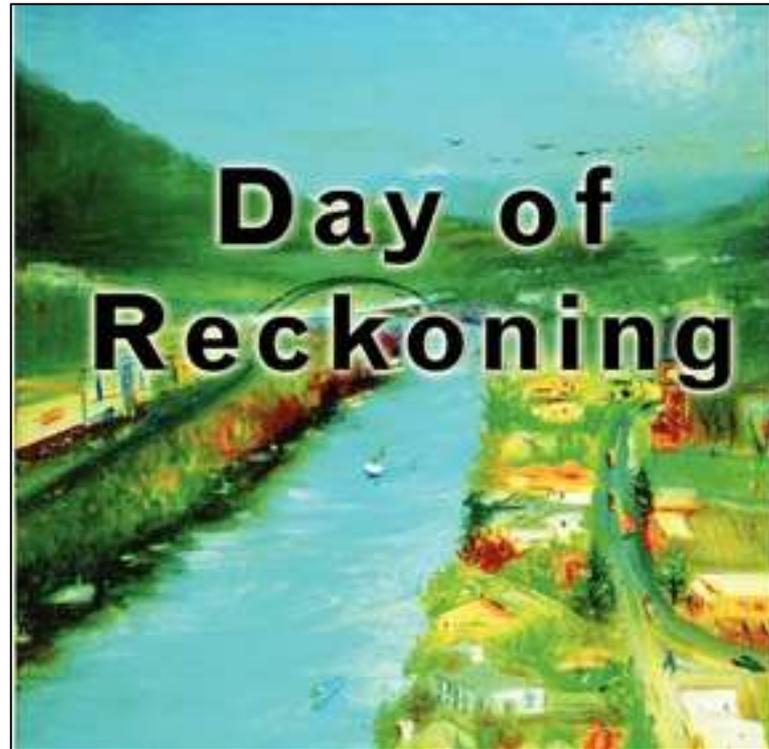
- * Local story adapted
- * His subjects ! Reject him. Guess who these are?
- * His Kingdom and theirs don't match

"He was made king, however, and returned home.



- * Prophecy -> fulfilled ascension (Psalm 1, Acts 2)
- * Kingdom established
- * His return - kingdom completed. When?

Then he sent for the servants to whom he had given the money, in order to find out what they had gained with it.



- * It will come
- * for his servants (believers)

The first one came and said, 'Sir, your mina has earned ten more.' "Well done, my good servant!' his master replied. 'Because you have been trustworthy in a very small matter, take charge of ten cities.' "The second came and said, 'Sir, your mina has earned five more.' "His master answered, 'You take charge of five cities.' "Then another servant came and said, 'Sir, here is your mina; I have kept it laid away in a piece of cloth. I was afraid of you, because you are a hard man. You take out what you did not put in and reap what you did not sow.'



responses (other 7 fall into one of these 3)

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1st response



- * well done !
- * faithfulness in small things-> fuller service and honour
- * Note: not given 10 cities - responsibility

"The second came and said, 'Sir, your mina has earned five more.' "His master answered, 'You take charge of five cities.'

2nd response



- * Not bad! Could have done better – but did something??
- * Reward for effort

Then **another** servant came and said, 'Sir, here is your mina; I have kept it laid away in a piece of cloth. I was afraid of you, because you are a hard man. You take out what you did not put in and reap what you did not sow.'

3rd response



- * He did NOTHING (not wicked? Just idle)
- * Fear because of wrong ideas of master (you are the agent but he does “put in”)
- * Paralysed by fear ?
Or just an excuse to blame God
because he expects you to work for him?

His master replied, 'I will judge you by your own words, you wicked servant! You knew, did you, that I am a hard man, taking out what I did not put in, and reaping what I did not sow? Why then didn't you put my money on deposit, so that when I came back, I could have collected it with interest?'



Rebuke + an alternative suggestion:-
You could have done something!

Then he said to those standing by, 'Take his mina away from him and give it to the one who has ten minas.' "'Sir,' they said, 'he already has ten!' "He replied, 'I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given, but as for the one who has nothing, even what they have will be taken away.

- * His punishment : give it to those who will use it
- * No reward
- * Question the King's justice ?
- * The rule:



But those enemies of mine who did not want me to be king over them--bring them here and kill them in front of me.



**Day
of
Reckoning**

This is a terrible warning to those who were (and are) rejecting his right to be their King.

Jn 3:16 should not “perish” = eternal separation = hell

What is it we are given?



What is your response?

1, Full



2, Half-measure



3, Do nothing useful



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