

## **Rampant Speculation**

Luke 19:11-28

by Don Falkos

copyright 2016 Donald Falkos Storytelling LLC

Because Jesus was approaching Jerusalem, speculation was rampant. Many people believed Jesus was the Messiah – the Christ – and to them that meant he was going to assert his power, gloriously defeat the enemies of the Jews, and establish his kingdom on Earth. To address this issue, Jesus told a story:

A man gave his servants money to invest for him and then went off to a distant country to be appointed king of his own land. This man's subjects hated him. They sent a delegation to that distant country to protest his appointment. "We don't want this man to be our king."

But he was appointed king. When he returned to his own land, he called in his servants and asked them how much they had earned with the money he had given them. Some of them had earned well and were rewarded well. But one servant had simply hidden the money away, earning nothing.

The king was furious and ordered, "Take the money away from this worthless servant and give it to one of those who earned well. Those who use what they've been given will be given even more. But from those who do not use what they've been given even what little they have will be taken away. Now as to those enemies of mine who didn't want me to be their king – bring them here. I want to watch as they're executed"

After telling this story Jesus continued on his way to Jerusalem.