



"You were not willing!"

Luke 13:33-35

- Verse 34 – "...you were not willing"

Jesus came to SAVE people from their sin! John 3:16-17 / Matthew 1:21 / Peter 2:24 / 2 Corinthians 5:21 / Acts 4:12 / Romans 5:8

Jesus came to give LIFE! John 10:10

1. Their city killed the prophets (God's Word) sent to them by God!

- Verse 33
- Most all of the prophets that God sent to the Jewish people were murdered by the Jewish people...not by foreign enemies!
- Jesus points out that He is on the journey to Jerusalem to die! *"Nevertheless, I **MUST GO** on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem."*
- Remember in **Luke 9:51** – "He set his face to go to Jerusalem."
- Jesus set out to go to the cross and never looked back! This was the turning point of His ministry! Galilee was no longer his base of operation! Jesus was DETERMINED to go to the Cross for us!
- **Hebrews 12:2** – "Looking to JESUS, the Author and Finisher of our faith, who for the JOY that was set before Him endured the Cross, despising its shame..."
- **Why Joy???** Because, when He was on the cross, He SAW your face and mine! He did it for you! He did it for me! He died for us!
- Back to **verse 34** - they murdered those that God sent! God sent Jesus, His One and only Son, and they murdered Him too!
- People have been killing God's men and women ever since sin entered this world!

Remember...it started with Cain killing Abel! Abel brought his BEST to God!

- **1 Kings 18:4 & 13** – the evil Jezebel was murdering the prophets of God and Obadiah hid them.
- **1 Kings 19:2** – Jezebel was trying to kill the prophet Elijah.
- **Nehemiah 9:26** – killed the prophets of God in Nehemiah's day.
- **2 Kings 6:31** – trying to kill Elijah's protégé Elisha.
- **Jeremiah 38:4** – trying to kill the prophet Jeremiah.

- Matthew 23:35 – they murdered Zechariah and many more.
- The Book of Acts – Stephen and the Apostles murdered.
- Hebrews 1:1-2 – it is very clear that **WE have the Word of God today, our Bible, and WE are God's prophets today as WE speak and preach God's Word the Holy Bible.**
- I Thessalonians 2:15 – “*against humanity / all Men...*” it will not stop! Anyone who declares the Word of God is a target for evil! (*work against / oppose*)
- *Your own city and town will turn against you at times...you keep preaching the Truth!*
- The reminder today is that WE are not ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus! Romans 1:16
- Verse 34 – “*the city that kills its prophets and stones those who are sent to it!*”
- *A city and town can turn on a believer very quick who is making a stand for the Truth!*

2. O Jerusalem, Jerusalem!

- Verse 34
- This is the most powerful and compassionate cry over a city!
- **Jesus references here a hen and her chicks!** A mother hen will gather her chicks by spreading her wings and the chicks come under the wings for closeness and protection!
- **Jesus wanted all of Jerusalem to be close to Him** and to choose Him as their Lord and Savior! He wanted them to not be murderers, prideful, disobedient and living for themselves!
- **In 70 A.D.**, the Romans completely destroyed Jerusalem! **Why?** God's judgment against Jerusalem for NOT choosing Jesus and living for Him! Jesus tried to warn them and save them, but they chose to ignore His warnings!
- Verse 34 – “*and you were not willing!*” (you wouldn't let me)
- This literally translates in the Original Greek – “**I willed, but you willed not.**”
- *This is a choice! This is a choice to continue to live your own way, to love your own sin and to choose to IGNORE and REJECT Jesus and His Word!*
- Verse 35 – “**Behold your house is forsaken!**” (Abandoned) Jesus pronounces the judgment!
- Luke 19:41 – Jesus one more time **WEEPS** over the city of Jerusalem and its people!
- *They chose to reject Jesus and His Word! They rejected Him! His words! His life!*
- **Today, I believe Jesus is saying the same thing!** “*O West Plains, West Plains!*”
- *Why do you love your pride and sin? Why do you continue to abuse children, love your sexual immorality, addictions, promote and have sinful events! Why?*
- **Why do you take your freewill and choose evil and darkness?**
- The thing that Jesus is looking for is found Acts 17:30-31!
- He is the SAME God who will save! But, He is the SAME God who will Judge!