Our text is part of the Jerusalem Travel Narrative of Jesus

* The subject is rejected prophet
* Jerusalem is the city of destiny - final rejection

Luke begins with an exchange between Pharisees and Jesus

What are the motives of the Pharisees?

* Sympathetic – thinking of safety for Jesus?
* Acting in a hostile manner is a more preferable assumption

Jesus is armed with His own imperatives: *Go tell that fox*

* Jesus describes Herod Antipas as cunning and crafty
* The interests of Herod are purely political

The words: *go tell that fox* introduce the prophetic speech of Jesus

* *Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course.*

The second description of ministry brings the passion and cross in full view

* ***33****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.*

Jerusalem is at the center of our passage

* ***34****O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it!*
* Jesus contrasts His desire for Jerusalem with their lack of desire for Him
* *I would gather your children like a mother hen gathering her brood for protection and you were not willing*

The final statement begins like the first: BEHOLD

* The future of Jerusalem: *your house is forsaken*
* The temple is destroyed in AD70

Jesus closes with an enigmatic saying: *And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!*

* The Second Coming of Christ may be today, tomorrow, or the next day?
* Question: Are you ready for eternal blessing or are you living w/out hope?
* Question: Is Christ your righteousness?

You are invited to His kingdom [NOW]