

JUDGES

Wednesday, January 9, 2019
Week 22: There Was No Answer

Scripture Reading: Judges 19:1-30

1. A Levite pursues (verses 1-9)

- *The sins outweigh the names of the people*
- *“He came with joy to meet him”* – causing them to stay until the fifth night

2. A Levite departs (verses 10-15)

- *Jebus* – Judges 1:21
- A lack of genuine hospitality foreshadows bad news to come

3. A Levite greeted (verses 16-21)

- An unnamed sojourner is their only source of hospitality and friendship
- *“Do not spend the night in the square”*

4. A Levite is threatened (verses 22-26)

- *“worthless fellows”* we first saw from Judges 11, with a judge himself, *Jephthah*
- Comparison & contrast from Genesis 19

5. A Levite seeks justice (verses 27-30)

- *“But there was no answer”* in verse 28. How could the Levite be acting this way? There’s a plethora of emotions to consider:
 - First, he’s scared
 - Second, he’s calloused
 - Third, he’s ashamed

- **Three** things to see from verse 29:
 - First, he ceremonially divides her
 - Exodus 29, Leviticus 1 & 8
 - Second, he symbolically divides her
 - Third, he scatters her throughout the land
 - He wants the **recipients** of the packages (Israel) to see **two things**:
 - First, look at what MY sin has caused
 - Second, look at what ISRAEL’s sin has caused
 - Will anything change? Will this shocking quest of justice cause any type of reaction? Or will there be **NO ANSWER**?

- *“Consider it, take counsel, and speak”*
 - Romans 8:28