Luke 13:31-35

Introduction
This passage is a reminder of Jesus' complete submission to following God's will for His life as well as His deep love for mankind as He determinedly presses on toward Jerusalem where He will sacrifice Himself for our salvation. In addition, He expresses His passion for the nation of Israel and His desire to care for them.

Scripture
Luke 13:31-35 At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, "Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you."

32 He replied, "Go tell that fox, 'I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.' 33 In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!

34 "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. 35 Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Closer Look

1. What were some of the defining characteristics of the Pharisees as a sect?

2. Why would these Pharisees want Jesus to leave their area?

3. Which Herod was being referred to in this passage and what was he like? [Why call him a fox?]

4. Why does Jesus respond as He does in verse 33?

5. What does Jesus mean when He says He "…longed to gather your children together…?"

6. What Old Testament verse is Jesus quoting in verse 35 and what is He referring to when He quotes it?

<u>Scripture for the day:</u>
Monday – Psalm 118:1-4
Tuesday – Psalm 118:5-7
Wednesday – Psalm 118:8-14
Thursday – Psalm 118:15-21
Friday – Psalm 118:22-29