Lesson 1: Introduction and Preparation of Jesus (1:1-3:20)

Gospel of Luke
Course Overview

• Goals
  1. Broaden and deepen knowledge of Jesus’ teachings and activities.
  2. Adhere to the teachings and follow the example of Jesus.
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• Outline
  • Luke 1:1-4:13 – Background and Preparation of Jesus
  • Luke 9:23-14:35 – Principles of Discipleship
Course Overview

• Goals
• Outline/Road map
• Method
  • Homework: Reading + Textual Questions
  • In-Class: Discussion + Deeper Study + Application
• Expectations
  • READ LUKE!!!
Luke’s Prologue

Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, 2 just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, 3 it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, 4 that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught.
Themes in Luke

• The Skeptic’s Confirmation Gospel
• Jesus as the Teacher-Healer
• Discipleship: Costly & Consuming
• Failure of Jerusalem
• Inclusion of Outsiders
Proclamation of John’s Birth (1:5-25)

What is the setting as Luke begins his account?

The Child Promised to Zechariah (vs. 13-17)

But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. 14 And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, 15 for he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. 16 And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, 17 and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared.”

Zechariah's reaction? Result of?
Proclamation of Jesus' birth (1:26-56)

• Gabriel Visits Mary (vs. 30-38)

And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” 34 And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?” 35 And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. 36 And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. 37 For nothing will be impossible with God.” 38 And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

• Mary’s “Magnificat” (vs.46-56) & the Message of Luke
John's Birth (1:57-80)

- Significance of naming process?
- Response of Zechariah = Praise
- Prophecies of vs. 67-79
Lessons Learned from Luke 1

• Variety in the 3 servants God used

• Character God is looking for in parents

• Belief → Speaking the Gospel
Jesus’ Birth (2:1-20)

- *How was Jesus received by different groups?*
  - Not accepted at the inn
  - Praised by angels
  - Seen and proclaimed by shepherds
- *How do I receive Jesus?*
Jesus & Jerusalem (2:21-52)

• Named outside Jerusalem (Jesus = Jehovah Saves)
• People of God in Jerusalem
  • Simeon
    • Life made complete in Jesus
    • Messianic Prophecies (vs. 28-32, 33-35)
  • Anna
    • Devoted to Jerusalem/Temple
    • Looked for Redemption of Jerusalem
• Passover at 12 years
Lessons Learned from Luke 2

• Jesus came for God’s glory. Is that my purpose?

• God, not man, reveals Jesus to the world.

• Even the "best" and most religious need redemption.
Work & Message of John

• Prophetic Mission Statement (vs. 4-6)
• *What did John proclaim?*
• Descriptions of Repentance
  • Wealthy → Giving
  • Cheaters → Fair
  • Oppressors → Protectors
• “Abraham” cannot save!
• A Greater One Coming (vs. 15-18)
Jesus’ Character & Ministry Unveiled (3:21-5:26)

Gospel of Luke
Gospel of Luke (Lesson #2)

Have you shared something you have learned with a non-disciple yet? The week only has 72 more hours remaining!

How much of Luke have you read this week?
WHO IS JESUS?

• Baptism by John at Jordan (3:21-22)
  "the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'" (3:21-22)

• Record of Lineage (3:23-38)
  "Jesus, when he began his ministry, was about thirty years of age, being ... the son of God." (3:23, 38)

• Wilderness Temptations (4:1-13)
  "If you are the Son of God..." (4:3, 9)
Becoming Sons of God Like Jesus

*What can we learn from Jesus’ example(s)?*

- **Baptism**: Submission to the Father
- **Genealogy**: Living with Purpose
- **Wilderness**: Handling Temptation
The Power & Authority of the Son

- Exorcisms & Healings (4:31-41)
- Fishing with Peter (5:1-11)
- Paralytic at the House (5:17-26)

What is the point of these stories?

How does the Leper’s healing (5:12-16) fit in?
The Divine Mission of the Son

And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.” (4:16-19)

“I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose.” (4:43)

And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.” (5:10)
How Do I Respond to the Son?

Nazareth Synagogue (4:16-30)

Galilean Sea (5:1-11)

*Where am I from?*
Lesson 4: “The One”

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• By the end of class each of us should be able to...
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  • Point out the necessity of faith
  • Answer the question posed by:

Those at the table
“Who is this, who even forgives sins?”
Luke 7:49 (ESV)

The Disciples
“Who then is this, that he commands even winds and water, and they obey him?”
Luke 8:25 (ESV)
Show how Jesus is identified as “The One”

Questioned in...
Luke 7:18-35
“Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?”

Exemplified in...
Luke 7:36 – 9:17
• A sinful woman forgiven
• Women healed of evil spirits and infirmities
• The parable of the sower
• The lamp under a jar
• Jesus' family
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Answered in...
“But who do you say that I am?” And Peter answered, “The Christ of God.”
Why did John ask if Jesus was the one?

1. If John had lost all faith in Jesus, he would not have sent messengers directly to Him with his questions.
2. John may have been depressed and thinking negatively.
3. There may have been some parts of God’s plan he was unable to correlate in his mind.
4. John’s preaching had been on authority, retribution, judgment; Jesus was preaching a new kingdom filled with blessed ones.
5. The question may have been for others’ sakes.
How does Jesus answer John’s question?

He answers by example

“...he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight.”

Luke 7:21

He answers by words

22“Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. 23 And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

Luke 7:22-23
Show how Jesus is identified as “The One”

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**Exemplified in...**
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- Jesus heals a woman in a crowd and infirmities
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**Answered in...**

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Jesus teaches the Pharisee

44”...Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. 45 You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. 46 You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. 47 Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven — for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little.” 48 And he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”.....50 “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

Luke 7:44-48, 50 (ESV)
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The Parable of the Sower

Where the seed is sown...

• Along the path
• On the rock
• Among thorns
• Good soil

What the seed represents...

• "...those who hear the word, but do not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away everything that was sown in them. 

Luke 8:15

Luke 8:13"
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Jesus’ Family

“19 Then his mother and his brothers came to him, but they could not reach him because of the crowd. 20 And he was told, “Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, desiring to see you.” 21 But he answered them, “My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it.”

Luke 8:19-21 (ESV)
Jesus’ Family

“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.”

Luke 14:26

“51 Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. 52 For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. 53 They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

Jesus’ Family

To the one who said “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.”:

“Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.”
Luke 9:59-60
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“...And he awoke and rebuked the wind and the raging waves, and they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, “Where is your faith?” And they were afraid, and they marveled, saying to one another, “Who then is this, that he commands even winds and water, and they obey him?”

Luke 8:24-25
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The man before...
- Had demons
- Wore no clothes
- Lived among tombs
- Uncommonly strong
- Begs to be spared from torment

The man after...
- No demons
- Clothed
- Sitting at the feet of Jesus
- In his right mind
- Begs that he might stay with Jesus
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Luke 8:48

Jesus Heals a Woman and Jairus’s Daughter

“Your faith has saved you, go in peace.”
Luke 7:50

“Do not fear; only believe, and she will be well.”
Luke 8:50
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“10 On their return the apostles told him all that they had done. And he took them and withdrew apart to a town called Bethsaida. 11 When the crowds learned it, they followed him, and he welcomed them and spoke to them of the kingdom of God and cured those who had need of healing. 12 Now the day began to wear away, and the twelve came and said to him, “Send the crowd away to go into the surrounding villages and countryside to find lodging and get provisions, for we are here in a desolate place.” 13 But he said to them, “You give them something to eat.” They said, “We have no more than five loaves and two fish—unless we are to go and buy food for all these people.”
Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

“14 For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, “Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each.” 15 And they did so, and had them all sit down. 16 And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing over them. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. 17 And they all ate and were satisfied. And what was left over was picked up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

Luke 9:10-17 (ESV)
Jesus’ Exemplified Character

• Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand
  • He is like God
  • He provides willingly and abundantly
Jesus’ Exemplified Character

- Love
- Compassion
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Who do you say that I am?

"And it happened that as he was praying alone, the disciples were with him. And he asked them, “Who do the crowds say that I am?” And they answered, “John the Baptist. But others say, Elijah, and others, that one of the prophets of old has risen.” Then he said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” And Peter answered, “The Christ of God.” And he strictly charged and commanded them to tell this to no one, saying, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.”

Class Objectives

• By the end of class each of us should be able to...
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**Answered in...**

“But who do you say that I am?” And Peter answered, “The Christ of God.”
From what we have learned so far from Luke, how would you answer this question:

**Who is Jesus?**

(Don’t forget our reading and sharing goals!)
Luke Overview

- 1:1-4:13 – Background and Preparation (L #1-2a)
- 4:14-9:22 – Self-Revealing Ministry (L #2-4)
- 9:23-14:35 – Principles of Discipleship (L #5-7)
- 15:1-21:38 – Jesus vs. Jerusalem (L #8-11a)
Gospel of Luke (Lesson 5)

Following Jesus Is Costly

(9:23-10:42)
The Cost of Discipleship

And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. 24 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.

The Cost of Discipleship

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” 58 And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” 59 To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” 60 And Jesus said to him, “Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” 61 Yet another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” 62 Jesus said to him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

Mind of Disciples (9:28-56)

**Story**
- Transfiguration
- Demon Boy
- Greatness Debate
- John the Stopper
- Samaritan Village

**Lesson**
- “Listen to Him!”
- Faith & Understanding
- Receive Children
- Focus on the Master
- Salvation > Destruction
Work of Disciples
(10:1-24)

• Disciples = Evangelists

• *Specific instructions given to the 72? Application?*

• Jesus’ Judgments

• Joys of Our Evangelistic Work (10:17-24)
  • My name is in Heaven.
  • I can understand God’s mind.
  • God is in control.
  • I experience God’s great works.
Heart of Disciples (10:25-37)

• What can we learn of the Lawyer’s character?
• What can we learn from Jesus’ response?
• Lessons from the Parable of the Good Samaritan
  • Negative picture of Jerusalem
  • Outsider (Samaritan) held up as the hero
  • Compassion / Mercy: Feeling → Service
  • Disciples are Constantly & Completely Selfless
Place of Disciples (10:38-42)

And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. 40 But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.” 41 But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, 42 but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.”
Learning from Jesus

• Prayer (11:1-13)
• Genuine Discipleship (11:33-54)
• Fear, Anxiety & Materialism (12:4-34)
• God’s Judgment (12:35-48)
• Kingdom People (13:22-30, 14:7-24)
• Counting the Cost (14:25-35)
• Forgiveness (15:1-32)
• Moses’ Law (16:16-17)
• Marriage (16:18)
• Afterlife (16:19-30)
Lesson 6: Lessons Learned at Jesus’ Feet

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• By the end of class each of us should be able to...

  • Identify at least three principles of discipleship

  • Identify three “if-then” statements and the lessons they provide

  • Better grasp the distinction between things temporal and things eternal
If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Luke 11:13 (ESV)
Principles of Discipleship

What we’ve learned so far...
• How to pray
• No impartiality

Lk 11:23 (ESV)


“Whosoever is not with me is against me, and he who does not gather with me scatters. And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. 19 And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out?”

The Lord’s Prayer
Jesus and Beelzebul
Return of an Unclean Spirit
True Blessedness
The Sign of Jonah
The Light in You
Woes to the Pharisees and Lawyers
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Have No Fear
Acknowledge Christ Before Men
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Do Not Be Anxious
You Must Be Ready
Principles of Discipleship

What we’ve learned so far...

• How to pray
• No impartiality
• Our fight with Satan is never over
• "When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through fire and flames and goes to its own kingdom. When it finds no resting place there, it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ 25 And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. 26 Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first.”

Luke 11:24-26 (ESV)
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“27 As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, “Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!” 28 But he said, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

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“29 ...This generation is an evil generation. It seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah. 30 For as Jonah became a sign to the people of Nineveh, so will the Son of Man be to this generation... 32 The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.

Luke 11:29-30,32 (ESV)
Go Deeper

“The queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with the men of this generation and condemn them, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here.”

Luke 11:31 (ESV)

• Who is the “queen of the South?”

• What did she do that makes her fit to judge and condemn the current generation?
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- Learn from bad examples

Condemnations

- You are full of greed and wickedness!
- You neglect justice and the love of God!
- You desire recognition!
- You are spiritually dead!
- You load people with burdens and do not keep them yourselves!
- You kill prophets!
- You destroy knowledge!
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“4 I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that have nothing more that they can do. 5 But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him! 6 Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God. 7 Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows.”

Luke 12:4-7 (ESV)
Go Deeper

“5 But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him!”

Luke 12:5 (ESV)

• Who is this verse talking about?

• What led you to your conclusion?

• Who are some other possibilities that others may think of when reading this verse?
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Beclovd, I see the heavens opened, and one standing at the right hand of God.

“Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord has promised to those who love him.”

2 Tim 4:8 (ESV)
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Luke 12:16-21 (ESV)
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"If-Then" Statements

Luke 11:13 “How much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit!”
Luke 12:26 “Why are you anxious about the rest?”

“But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith!

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Luke 12:36-37, 39 (ESV)
Go Deeper

“⁴¹ Peter said, ‘Lord, are you telling this parable for us or for all?’”


• Why would Peter ask this?

• Does the following parable put more responsibility on the disciples or the rest of the people?

• What does this teach us about our own responsibilities after reading and comprehending God’s Word?
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- To whom much was given, of him much will be required!

Luke 12:48 (ESV)
Lesson 7: Do You *REALLY* Want to Follow Jesus?

Gospel of Luke
Gospel of Luke
Pre-Class Review

• Identify the purpose/mission of Jesus that he states early in his ministry.
• List at least 2 miracles that affirmed the authority of Jesus, Son of God.
• What are 2 of the most challenging things Jesus said in the Sermon on the Plain?
• What are 2 of the more helpful parables of Jesus for you? Why?
• Who questioned if Jesus was “The One”? Who affirmed that fact?
• How many disciples did Jesus send out in Luke 10?
• What were 2 problems of the Pharisees and Lawyers?
(Possible) Textual Structure

Difficult Statement (12:49-53)

Challenging Standards (12:54-13:17)

Nature of the Kingdom (13:18-35)

Challenging Standards (14:1-24)

Difficult Statement (14:25-35)
"I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! 50 I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! 51 Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. 52 For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. 53 They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

Can I get behind a Jesus like that?
What was the problem of the people on the Sabbath?

Can I conform my standards to his?
What the Kingdom Is Like (13:18-30)

- What do these parables teach us about the Kingdom?
- How does Jesus answer the question in 13:23?
  - Entrance requires us to “Strive” (24)
  - Salvation is a “Narrow Door” (24)
  - “Many...will seek to enter and will not be able” (24)
  - Condemnation of the Departed
    - “I do not know where you come from.” (25, 27)
    - “...workers of evil!” (27)
  - Unexpected groups Welcomed & Excluded (28-30)

Can I be part of a Kingdom like this?
Where Jesus Was Going (13:31-35)

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” 32 And he said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course.’ 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.’ 34 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! 35 Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’”

Can I bless the name of the Cursed?
Lessons at Dinner (14:1-24)

• Sabbath Perspective
• Choosing Honor
• Blessed Dinner Guests
• The Great Invitation

Can I accept the terms of Jesus’ table?
Can I give up everything, including me?
Lesson 8: Jesus Challenges Jerusalem

Gospel of Luke
Jerusalem in Luke

• Zechariah in the Temple promised his son, John (1:5-23)
• Jesus brought to Jerusalem after birth (2:22-38) and as youth (2:41-52)
  • Simeon – “in Jerusalem...waiting for the consolation of Israel” (2:25); “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel...” (2:34)
  • Anna – “speaking of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem” (2:27)
  • Jesus – “they found him in the temple...And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and answers.” (2:46-47)
• Pharisees & Lawyers from Jerusalem questioned Jesus’ authority (5:17; 5:30, 5:33, 6:2, 6:7)
• People from Jerusalem came out of Jerusalem to hear Jesus preach (6:17)
• Jesus set his face toward Jerusalem (9:51)
• Contrast of Good Samaritan with Priest, Levite on their way to Jerusalem (10:30-33)
• Teaching on the Narrow Way while on the way to Jerusalem (13:22ff)
• Lament over and condemnation of Jerusalem (13:31-35)
• Parable of the King’s Banquet in context referring to Jerusalem’s rejection of Jesus (14:15-24)
• Healing of the lepers and exaltation of a Samaritan on the way to Jerusalem (17:11ff)
The Lost Parables (Luke 15)

• Setup (15:1-2)

*Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him.  And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”*

• **Common themes in these 3 parables?**
  • Lost-ness
  • Forgiveness
  • Joy of Return
  • Necessity of Repentance
  • God Seeking
  • Value of Individuals
Lessons from The Lost Son

- Character of the younger son?
- Character of the Father?
- Character of the Older Son
- Main lesson?
Parable of the Unjust Steward (16:1-13)

Lesson(s) from the Unjust Steward?

The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings. (16:8-9)
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One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. 11 If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? 12 And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? (16:10-11)
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No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money. (16:12-13)
Sins of the Pharisees (Luke 16:14-18)

• Materialism (14)
Worldly Materialism in Luke

- Kingdom Gospel for “the poor” (4:18; 6:20; 7:22)
- Levi (and other Disciples) “left everything” (5:27-28)
- Disciples must give recklessly (6:28-31)
- Sinful Woman poured out costly ointment (7:37)
- Apostles told to “Take nothing for your journey” (9:3)
- Jesus often had no place of his own to sleep (9:57)
- Disciples preached carrying nothing, relying on other givers (10:4-8)
- Good Samaritan exalted for sacrificial giving (10:29-37)
- Pharisees condemned for “greed and wickedness” (11:39; 16:14)
- Warning against covetousness, valuing life by abundance of possessions (12:15)
- Parable of the Rich Fool (12:16-21)
Worldly Materialism in Luke

- Warning against anxiety in connection with material needs (12:22-34)
- Instructions to sell, give up, renounce possessions (12:33; 14:33; 18:22)
- Condemnation of “the Rich Man” (16:19-31)
- “Remember Lot’s wife” (17:32)
- Failure of the Rich Young Ruler (18:18-30)
- Zaccheus’ willingness to give to poor and correct sins of greed (19:8)
- Jews had made Temple “a den of robbers” (19:46)
- Poor Widow > Greedy Jewish Leaders (20:45-21:4)
- Beautiful Temple “adorned with noble stones and offerings” destroyed (21:5-6)
- Judas betrayed Jesus for money (22:3-6)
- Joseph of Arimathea gave his tomb for Jesus’ burial (23:50-56)
Sins of the Pharisees (Luke 16:14-18)

- Materialism (14)
- Self-Justification / Exaltation (15)
- Rejection of the Gospel (16-17)
- Adulterous Divorce (18)

These were the problems of the most religious of all!!!
Rich Man & Lazarus (16:19-31)

Illustrations of & Lessons on...

• Materialism

There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. 20 And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, 21 who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. (16:19-21)

But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. (16:25)
Rich Man & Lazarus (16:19-31)

Illustrations of & Lessons on...

- Materialism
- Pride

‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ (16:24)
Rich Man & Lazarus (16:19-31)

Illustrations of & Lessons on...

• Materialism

• Pride

• Rejection

But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’

30 And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’

31 He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’ (16:29-31)
Exhortations to Disciples (17:1-10)

- Forgive Penitent (even if undeserving) Brother
- Trust God (as much as you can.....even a little)
- Be Humble in Service to God
Jesus vs. Jerusalem

Who are you following?

The Pharisee Way
- Judgmental of Others
- Worldly & Materialistic
- Self-Centered Pride

The Samaritan Way
- Forgiveness for Others
- Trust in Jesus
- Humble Service
Lesson 9: The Kingdom In Your Midst

The Gospel of Luke
Course Overview

• Goals
  1. Broaden and deepen knowledge of Jesus’ teachings and activities
  2. Adhere to the teachings and follow the example of Jesus
  3. Tell at least one non-disciple per week about something you learn

• Outline
  Luke 1:1 – 4:13  Background and Preparation of Jesus
Class Objectives

• By the end of class each of us should be able to...
  
  • List three observations about the kingdom of God
  
  • Identify three more parables and the lessons they teach
  
  • Identify God’s role in our salvation
What is the kingdom of God?

“20 Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, he answered them, “The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed, 21 nor will they say, ‘Look, here it is!’ or ‘There!’ for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.”

Luke 17:20-21 (ESV)
Learning about the kingdom of God

- How will we recognize the kingdom of God?
  “The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed...”
  Luke 17:20 (ESV)

- Where is the kingdom of God?
  “…behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.”
  Luke 17:21 (ESV)
“22 And he said to the disciples, “The days are coming when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it. 23 And they will say to you, ‘Look, there!’ or ‘Look, here!’ Do not go out or follow them. 24 For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of Man be in his day. 25 But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation. 26 Just as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the Son of Man. 27 They were eating and drinking and marrying and being given in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. 28 Likewise, just as it was in the days of Lot — they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building, 29 but on the day when Lot went out from Sodom, fire and sulfur rained from heaven and destroyed them all —...
“...so will it be on the day when the Son of Man is revealed. On that day, let the one who is on the housetop, with his goods in the house, not come down to take them away, and likewise let the one who is in the field not turn back. Remember Lot’s wife. Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will keep it. I tell you, in that night there will be two in one bed. One will be taken and the other left. There will be two women grinding together. One will be taken and the other left.” And they said to him, “Where, Lord?” He said to them, “Where the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.”

Luke 17:22-37 (ESV)
Go Deeper

What do we learn from the judgment of Jerusalem that can be applied to God’s final judgment?

How do we prepare ourselves for judgment?
Jesus’ Teaching

- The Parable of the Persistent Widow
- The Pharisee and the Tax Collector
- Let the Children Come to Me
- The Rich Ruler
- Jesus Foretells His Death a Third Time
- Jesus Heals a Blind Beggar

- Why does Jesus teach this parable (v1)?
- How is the judge described (v2)?
- Why does the judge give justice to the widow (v5)?

What is the “if-then” statement we can deduce from this parable?
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The Pharisee

The Tax Collector
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“15 Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. 16 But Jesus called them to him, saying, “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. 17 Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”

Luke 18:15-17 (ESV)
Learning about the kingdom of God

• Who does the kingdom of God belong to?

“Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.”

Luke 18:16 (ESV)

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Luke 18:17 (ESV)
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- What does the ruler ask (v18)?
- How does Jesus answer (v19-20)?

What is the “one thing” that the rich ruler lacked?
Learning about the kingdom of God

• How difficult will it be for the wealthy to enter the kingdom of God?

“...it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.”

Luke 18:24 (ESV)

• What happens if I leave my family for the sake of the kingdom of God?

“...[will] receive many times more in this time, and in the age to come eternal life.”

Luke 18:30 (ESV)
Go Deeper

“26 Those who heard it said, ‘Then who can be saved?’” 27 But he said, ‘What is impossible with man is possible with God.’”


What does Jesus’ response teach us about God’s role in our salvation?

How can we use that knowledge to better our relationship with God?
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- He will be delivered over to the Gentiles
- He will be mocked
- He will be shamefully treated
- He would be spit upon
- He would be flogged (scourged)
- He will be killed
- On the third day, he will rise
Learning about the kingdom of God

• What happens to those who do not want to be a part of the kingdom of God?

“But as for these enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, bring them here and slaughter them before me.”

Luke 19:27 (ESV)
Learning about the kingdom of God

• How will we recognize the kingdom of God? “The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed...”

Luke 17:20 (ESV)

• Where is the kingdom of God? “...behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.”

Luke 17:21 (ESV)
Learning about the kingdom of God

• Who does the kingdom of God belong to?
  “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.”
  Luke 18:16 (ESV)

• How do we receive the kingdom of God?
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Luke 18:30 (ESV)
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Luke 19:27 (ESV)
Lesson 10: King Jesus Comes to Jerusalem

The Gospel of Luke
Course Overview

• Goals
  1. Broaden and deepen knowledge of Jesus’ teachings and activities
  2. Adhere to the teachings and follow the example of Jesus
  3. Tell at least one non-disciple per week about something you learn

• Outline
  Luke 1:1 – 4:13  Background and Preparation of Jesus
Class Objectives

• By the end of class each of us should be able to...
  • Empathize with God’s feelings towards His people
  • Draw three applicable lessons from Jesus’ response to challenges
  • Quote two scriptures showing the importance of responsibility with God’s Word.
King Jesus Comes to Jerusalem

The Triumphant Entry
Jesus Weeps over Jerusalem
Jesus Cleanses the Temple
The Authority of Jesus Challenged
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Whose Son is the Christ?
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“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

Zechariah 9:9 (ESV)
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Luke 19:41-44 (ESV)
Jesus Weeps over Jerusalem

Elisha

- 2 Kings 8:7-15
- You will set on fire their fortresses
- You will kill their young men
- Wash in places their little ones
- Rip open their pregnant women

Why do Elisha and Jesus weep?

What does this reveal about their concern for His people?

Jesus

- Peace is hidden from your eyes
- Your enemies will surround you
- They will tear you down to the ground
- They will tear down the children within you
- They will not leave a stone unturned
- You don’t understand
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“45 And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold, 46 saying to them, “It is written, My house shall be a house of prayer, but you have made it a den of robbers.” 47 And he was teaching daily in the temple. The chief priests and the scribes and the principal men of the people were seeking to destroy him, 48 but they did not find anything they could do, for all the people were hanging on his words.

Luke 19:45-48 (ESV)
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Lessons Learned
• Answer truthfully
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• Honor all responsibilities
• Think eternally, not temporally
Name that verse!

• And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.”

   Luke 12:15

• “A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher.”

   Luke 6:40

• But he said to them, “I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose.”

   Luke 4:43
Name that verse!

• And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

  Luke 1:38

• When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.”

  Luke 18:22
Name that verse!

• Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.”

   Luke 14:25-27

• And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!”

   Luke 9:35

• “For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

   Luke 19:10
Name that verse!

- “And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’"

  Luke 15:31-32

- “I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

  Luke 18:14
Lesson 11: The Passover of Jesus

Gospel of Luke
Passover & Jesus

- What did/does Passover commemorate?
  - Punishment of Israel’s Oppressors
  - Liberation of Israel from Slavery
- How does Passover relate to the Gospel of Jesus?
Fall of the Mighty

And while some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, he said, “As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” (21:5-6)

• What does Jesus say would happen at Jerusalem’s fall?
• What exhortations did Jesus give for that time?
Events at the Fall of Jerusalem

- False “Christs” (8)
- International Conflict (9-10)
- Natural Disasters (11)
- Persecution of Disciples (12-19)
- Jerusalem Surrounded (20-24)
- “Powers...Shaken” (25-27)
Exhortations for Disciples

• Stay faithful to the true Christ (8)
• Do not be frightened by world circumstances (9)
• Bear witness when given opportunity—even in difficulty (13)
• Patiently trust Jesus to provide help through trials (14-15, 19)
• Do not try to stop Jerusalem’s demise (20-24)
• “Watch” self for worldly/fleshly thinking & behavior (34-35)
• Pray for redemption from judgment (36; cf. 28)
Why care about Jerusalem’s fall?

- God is where true security is found.
- God wants personal (not historical) faithfulness.
- God judges all (even his own).
"The Kingdom of God Is Near"
(21:29-33)

When would the Kingdom be established?

• The Cross? (22:42-43; cf. Rev. 12:10)
• The Resurrection? (22:16)
• Outpouring of the Spirit? (Acts 1:6-8)
• Fall of Jerusalem? (21:31)
• Post-Earth? (2 Peter 1:11)
The Kingdom

- Judgment on Evil
- Eternal Fellowship with God
- Forgiveness of Sins
- Reign of Messiah
- New Life in the Spirit
- Eternal Fellowship with God
The Last Supper

• Unique Preparations (5-13)
• Jesus at the Table (14-23)
  • How does this help us take communion?
• Disciples at the Table (24-38)
  • What lessons does Jesus teach in his last night?
  • Which of these lessons are most challenging for us?
Events in Luke

Number the following (1-15) as they appear in Luke.

1. Jesus meets Simeon & Anna at the Temple in Jerusalem
2. Jesus visits and is rejected at the Nazareth synagogue
3. Jesus forgives and heals a paralytic in a house
1. Rich Young Ruler comes to Jesus but is unwilling to become his disciple
3. Sinful Woman comes to Jesus at Simon the Pharisee’s table
6. Jesus calms the storm when the disciples thought they were going to die
1. Jesus teaches the Lost parables
8. Jesus sends out the 72 for ministry
7. Jesus raises Jairus’ daughter from the dead
4. Disciples picking heads of grain on Sabbath criticized by Jews
9. Jesus teaches against covetousness with the Parable of the Rich Fool
1. Daughters of Jerusalem weep for Jesus on his way to the Cross
4. Jesus heals the Ten Lepers
13. Zaccheus welcomed by Jesus amid criticism by the Jewish religious leaders
1. Jesus spends the day with two disciples on the road to Emmaus
Lesson 12: The Suffering Servant

Gospel of Luke
The Disciples on Jesus’ Last Night

• Disciples at the Table (24-38)
  • *What lessons does Jesus teach in his last night?*

• Lessons for the Disciples
  • Greatness & exaltation is found in service with Jesus.
  • Strength for temptation comes from Jesus.
  • Disciples of Jesus face times of extreme difficulty.
Prayer in Gethsemane

• Jesus in the Garden
  • What can we learn from this time of prayer with Jesus?
  • Lessons learned about prayer throughout Luke?
Prayer in Luke

- People praying at Temple (1:10)
- Z&E prayers for a child heard (1:13)
- Anna continually praying (2:37)
- At Baptism (3:21)
- In Wilderness Temptations* (4:2)
- During Ministry (5:16)
- Choosing the Twelve (6:12)
- “Pray for those who abuse you” (6:28)
- Revelation as the Christ (9:18)
- Mount of Transfiguration (9:28-29)
- “Pray to the Lord of Harvest...” (10:2)
- Return of the 72 (10:21-22)
- Instruction to Disciples (11:1-4)
- Parable of the Friend at Night (11:5-13)
- Parable of the Persistent Widow (18:1-8)
- Parable of the Publican & Pharisee (18:9-14)
- “My house...of prayer” (19:46)
- “Stay awake...praying” (21:36)
- For Peter’s Strength (22:32)
- In Gethsemane (22:40-46)
- On the Cross (23:34, 46)
Prayer in Gethsemane

- Jesus’ Prayers
- Jesus & Prayer in Luke
- Disciples in Gethsemane
“The Power of Darkness”
Our Iniquity on Jesus

- **Betrayed** by Judas & Peter
- **Oppressed** by the Assembly
- **Judged** by Leaders
- **Rejected** by the Crowd
“Like a Lamb”

The Innocence of Jesus

Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, “I find no guilt in this man.” (23:4)

Pilate ... said to them, “You brought me this man ... And after examining him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against him. ...” (23:13-16)

A third time he said to them, “Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release him.” (23:22)

How did Jesus handle his accusers?
“He Opened Not His Mouth”
The Strength of Jesus

“You say that I am.” (22:67-70)

“You have said so.” (23:3)

[Jesus] made no answer. (23:9)
Character that Rejects Jesus

- Worldly (Judas)
- Self-Reliant (Peter)
- Exalted (Jewish & Gentile Leaders)

*What have we learned about these things in Luke?*
Outsiders to the Kingdom

• Nazareth Synagogue (Luke 4:22-30)
• “Woe to you...rich...full...laugh...” (Luke 6:24-26)
• “Generation” of Jewish Religious Leaders (7:29-32)
  • Simon the Pharisee (7:36-50)
  • Priest & Levite (10:25-37)
  • Hypocrisy of Pharisees & Lawyers (11:27-54)
  • The “Older Brother” (15:11-32)
  • Pharisee & Publican (18:9-14)
• Rich, Young, Religious Ruler (18:18-30)
Follower or Foe?
The Disciples on Jesus’ Last Night

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• Lessons for the Disciples
  • Greatness is found in service.
  • Exaltation comes from Jesus.
  • Strength for temptation comes from Jesus.
  • Discipleship will result in difficulty.
Prayer in Gethsemane

• Jesus’ Prayers
  • What does Jesus pray for at this time?
  • Where, when, how, what have we learned about prayer from Jesus?

• Jesus & Prayer in Luke (my original count = 12)
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  • For Peter’s Strength (22:32)
  • In Gethsemane before Betrayal (22:40-46)
  • On the Cross (23:34, 46)

• Disciples in Gethsemane

Intro to Luke
• People praying at Temple (1:10)
• Z&E prayers heard (1:13)
• Anna constantly praying (2:37)
Follower or Leader?

- Do I truly follow Jesus in word and deed?
- Do I “lead him away” to my own destruction?
Lessons from Luke
(For discussion at end of class if time allows.)

• List 3 lessons from Luke that have helped you be a better disciple of Jesus.

• List 3 lessons from Luke that have helped you in your evangelism.
Lesson 13: The Risen Lord

Gospel of Luke
The Cross of Jesus

What life-changing blessings are found in the Cross?

• Comfort (23:28-31)
• Forgiveness (23:32-34)
• Paradise (23:42-43)
• Warning (23:29-30, 44-45)
• Faith (23:46)
People at the Cross of Jesus

- Foreigners
  - Simon of Cyrene
  - Centurion
- Sinners
  - Two Criminals
  - Crowd of Scoffers
- Lowly
  - “Daughters of Jerusalem”
  - Galilean Disciples (esp. Women)
People **Changed** at the Cross of Jesus

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- **Following**
  - “the cross...behind Jesus”
  - “this man was innocent!”
- **Salvation**
  - “Father, forgive them...”
  - “be with me in Paradise”
- **Lifted**
  - “Do not weep for me”
People of Jesus’ Kingdom in Luke

• Lepers, Paralyzed, Blind, Demonic, Dead
• Galileans (5:1-11; 6:12-16)
• Women (1:26-38; 8:1-3; 10:38-42) & Children (10:21; 18:15-17)
• Foreigners
  • “Widow of Zarephath” & “Naaman the Syrian” (4:23-27)
  • Capernaum Centurion (7:1-10)
  • Good Samaritan (10:25-37)
  • Samaritan Leper (17:11-19)
  • Nations at Abraham’s Table (13:29-30)
• Tax Collectors & Sinners
  • Levi & Co. (5:27-32)
  • Sinful Woman (7:36-50)
  • Dinner Companions of Jesus (15:1-32)
  • Humble Tax Collector (18:9-14)
  • Zaccheus (19:1-10)
"He Is Not Here"
The Resurrection of Jesus

- Delivery of the Good News
  - By Angels
  - Through Women
  - To Doubters
- Various & Unlikely Appearances
  - To Disciples on the Road
  - To Simon Individually
  - To Assembly

Thoughts/feelings before Jesus appeared? After?
Peter’s Change

- Guilt
- Grace
- Growth

- Fisherman to Disciple
- Denial to Pentecost
“He Is Not Here”
The Resurrection of Jesus

• Delivery of the Good News
• Various & Unlikely Appearances
• Confirmation of the Gospel
  • Narrative Details
  • Appearances
  • Physical Activities
  • Scriptural Teachings
Gospel Confirmed

- Important facet of Luke’s Gospel (see 1:1-4)
- Prominent Tomb found Empty
- Admission of Doubt (Ancients = naturally superstitious???)
- Multiple (Person & Place) & Unlikely Appearances
- Physical Activities
  - “Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” (24:39)
  - “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them. (24:41)
- Fulfillment of Scripture (24:25-27, 44-47)
Blessed by the Risen Lord

What blessings do disciples receive from the Risen Christ?

Understanding

Mission

Power

Joy
Lessons from Luke

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