# A Guided Inductive Study of the Gospel of Luke

*"Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that needs not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."*
2 Timothy 2:15

**A practical study of the Gospel of Luke**

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# How To Study

**Read the Scripture:**
Reading the Scripture is important. Read every word. Don't skip. Don't just read your favorite verses. Read it all. Think about what you are reading. Is there any word or statement you do not understand? Is there anything that confuses you or seems inconsistent with other Scriptures? Is there anything you would like to research? Use at least two translations.

**Translations:**
I suggest New King James, if you like the old wording. The New International Version is helpful. And the English Standard Version is also refreshing. For this study I am using the NKJV because I grew up with KJV and its rhythms are familiar to me. You can use other translations.

**Chapter by Chapter:**
We are going to study the Book of Romans chapter by chapter. Some chapters are longer and have much to think about. Those chapters we have divided into segments so you cover Romans 8 in four weeks instead of one week. We assume you will use one chapter each week. If you are using this for daily readings then you might find it too difficult to answer the questions. That's okay. My hope, however, is that you use is in a weekly Bible study. Anyone can lead it.

**Highlighted Verses:**
I have chosen to highlight what I feel are key verses. You may think others are more important. That is okay. Write that in your personal journal or if you are studying in a group write down other verses you feel are important. Oh, and every chapter has one key verse.

**Discussion Questions:**
We have not attempted to add commentary because we believe the Scriptures speak for themselves and the Holy

Spirit can teach us as much as another person's commentary. I have added suggested questions to answer and discuss. This is especially helpful when studying with a group. You are not limited to my questions, ask your own. In a self-directed study it will be harder to consider your answers to the questions. In a group, however, one question might stimulate other questions. You do not have to answer every question. Use what is helpful and useful and leave the rest.

**Personal Edification:**
I have often taught my students to look for certain things in ever chapter of the Bible. You will not find all five in every chapter, but you should be able to find two or three. Write them down in a journal or share it with a group. It is called the PEPSI acronym.

**Search for Treasure: (P.E.P.S.I.)**

- A **P**-romise to claim.
- An **E**-xample to follow.
- A **P**-rayer concern.
- A **S**-in to avoid.
- An **I**-nstruction to obey.

**Personal Questions:**

- What Verse Challenged you?
- What Verse Encouraged you?
- What Verse Convicted you?
- What Verse Confused you?
- What Verse Startled you?
- What Verse Frightened you?

**Group Questions:**

1. What verse stands out to you in this chapter? Why?
2. What verse causes you to struggle with its demand? Why?
3. What verse encourages your faith the most? Why?
4. Is there a command here you find most difficult to obey? Why?
5. Is there a promise here you want to claim? What?
6. Is there something you need to pray about in this passage? Why?
7. Is there a word / topic here you need to explore more deeply? What?

# Welcome to Luke's Gospel

**Gospel of Luke Background**
First, let me say something about the Gospels. There are four. Three of them are called the synoptic gospels and are very similar. John is uniquely theological and focused on the deity of Jesus and conversion, being born again.

**Mark** was the first written based on John Mark's travels with Peter and his stories. Mark was a half-Jew with a Jewish mother and a Greek father.

**Matthew** was written in Greek but was addressed to a Jewish audience with an emphasis of the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies concerning Jesus.

**Luke** was a Gentile writing to Gentiles (non-Jews) and principally to Theophilus a Roman magistrate.

**Both Matthew and Luke** used Mark as a primary source. 91% of Mark is used by Matthew, and Luke used 51% of Mark's Gospel.

**Luke's Gospel**
Luke was a physician (Colossians 4:14) who traveled extensively with Paul. He said he had diligently researched the facts he was about to present. He was a prolific writer. Luke was executed by Nero in Rome, but not before committing his writings to a Roman friend for safekeeping. Luke's Gospel is unique from Matthew in that he adds a significant volume of material that Matthew and Mark did not have.

Some unusual or unique attributes of this Gospel is that Luke adds significant background material on the birth of Jesus. He also included more about Jesus' family both in childhood and in his ministry.

He includes 48 women in his narrative, 27 parables, 20 miracles, and an emphasis on the Holy Spirit (perhaps as a prelude to his sequel, Acts of the Apostles). He highlights many individuals not mentioned in the other Gospels – Zacharias and Elizabeth, the shepherds, Simeon and Anna, Mary and Martha, the widow of Nain, Zacchaeus, Malchus' ear, the thief on the cross, the two on the road to Emmaus and Herod's part in Jesus trial.

Of particular note is Luke's genealogy of Jesus. A careful comparison to Matthew's genealogy of Jesus you will find some differences. One is the genealogy through Joseph and the other through Mary.

Whenever I begin a book-study I carefully glean all I can about each topic addressed in the book. In this way, nothing is missed, no stone is left unturned, and no subject matter is left out.

A careful and diligent study of Luke adds much to our understanding of Jesus life and ministry. Topically, for preaching and teaching purposes, I divide the Gospel of Luke into 24 major topics:

1. Jesus' Birth:
2. Jesus' Family:
3. Jesus' Healing Ministry:
4. Jesus' Friends:
5. Jesus' Parables:
6. Jesus' Disciples:
7. Jesus' Commands:
8. Jesus' Enemies:
9. Jesus' Prayer Life:
10. Jesus & the Holy Spirit:
11. Jesus & Dead People Raised:
12. Jesus & Demons:
13. Jesus & Scriptures:
14. Jesus & Caesar:
15. Jesus & Nature:

16. Jesus & Healing:
17. Jesus & Women:
18. Jesus on Money:
19. Jesus on Discipleship:
20. Jesus on Hell:
21. Jesus on "Woes":
22. Jesus on 2nd Coming:
23. Jesus' Death
24. Jesus' Resurrection

# Outline of Luke

Luke 1 – Announcement of His Birth
Luke 2 – Jesus' Birth
Luke 3 – John's Baptism
Luke 4 – The Temptation of Jesus
Luke 5 – Power to Heal and Forgive
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Luke 14 – Reaching Out to Others
Luke 15 – Lost Things Matter to God
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Luke 17 – Offending & Forgiveness
Luke 18 – Believing Prayers
Luke 19 – Riches and Service
Luke 20 – Stumping the Critics
Luke 21 – End Time Signs
Luke 22 – Betrayal & Arrest
Luke 23 – He Died for Me
Luke 24 – He is Risen!

# Luke 1 – Birth Announcement

## Key verses to think about.

**1:8-9 The Priestly Course**
So it was, that while he was serving as priest before God in the order of his division, according to the custom of the priesthood, his lot fell to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord.

**1:13 Gabriel the Angel**
But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother’s womb. And the angel answered and said to him, “I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and was sent to speak to you and bring you these glad tidings.

**1:23 Elizabeth**
The angel answered and said to him, “I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and was sent to speak to you and bring you these glad tidings.

**1:26-27 Mary and Gabriel**
Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name *was* Mary.

**1:31 His Name**
“And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS.

**1:34-35 Mary’s Doubts?**
Then Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I do not know a man?” And the angel answered and said to her, “*The*

Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.

**1:41 Elizabeth Filled with the Spirit**
And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

**1:46-47 Mary's Song**
My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

**1:59-60 His Name is John**
So it was, on the eighth day, that they came to circumcise the child; and they would have called him by the name of his father, Zacharias. His mother answered and said, "No; he shall be called John."

**1:67-68 Zacharias Filled with the Holy Spirit,**
Now his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying: "Blessed *is* the Lord God of Israel,

**1:80 Jesus Grew Strong and Wise**
So the child grew and became strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his manifestation to Israel.

## Main Truth:

Everything about the birth of John the Baptist and Jesus was miraculous.

## Questions for Discussion:

1 Who was Luke writing to and why?

2 What is the “priestly course”? Do you understand the priestly office in the Temple?

3 Why do you think the people were praying while Zacharias was in the Holy of Holies?

4 Why was Zacharias punished for not doubting but Mary was not?

5 Note how many references to the Holy Spirit. (4 times in chapter one and eleven times in Luke.)

6 Why do you think Luke referred to angels 15 times?

7 Where else in the Bible do we hear of Gabriel?

8 Was Mary immaculately conceived?

## Private Notes:

# Luke 2 - Birth of Jesus

## Key verses to think about.

**2:1-2 The Census**
And it came to pass in those days *that* a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria.

**2:7 Jesus is Born**
And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

**2:8 & 16 Shepherds**
Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night..16 And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger.

**2:21 His Name is Jesus**
And when eight days were completed for the circumcision of the Child, His name was called JESUS, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.

**2:25 & 27 Simeon**
And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name *was* Simeon, and this man *was* just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him…So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law,

**2:36-37 Anna**
Now there was one, Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity and this woman *was* a widow of about eighty-four years, who did not depart from the temple, but served *God* with fastings and prayers night and day.

**2:42 Was this Jesus' Bar Mitzvah?**
And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast.

**2:49 A Lost Child**
And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?"

# Main Truth:

Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, born of a woman, born in a stable, born to be our Savior.

# Questions:

1 Was this a taxation or a census? Why did Joseph and Mary have to go to Bethlehem?

2 What are Swaddling clothes?

3 Can you explain why angels chose to announce Jesus' both to Shepherds?

4 What was the Migdal Eder, the Tower of the flock?

5 How did Jesus get so smart as to discuss the law with priests and scribes?

6 Was this Jesus' Bar Mitzvah?

7 Why didn't Luke include the Magi in his story?

8 Can you imagine not missing your son at dinner or bedtime?

9 Where did Jesus sleep and eat for those 3 days?

## Private Notes:

# Luke 3 - John's Baptism

## Key verses to think about.

**4-6 Prepare the Way**
As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, saying:
*"The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight. Every valley shall be filled And every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked places shall be made straight And the rough ways smooth; And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"*

**3:8 Fruit of Repentance**
Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to *our* father: for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.

**3:16 Baptism with Holy Spirit**
John answered, saying to all, "I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

**3:19-20 Preached Against Sin**
But Herod the tetrarch, being rebuked by him concerning Herodias, his brother Philip's wife,and for all the evils which Herod had done, also added this, above all, that he shut John up in prison.

**3:21-22 A Voice from Heaven**
When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also was baptized; and while He prayed, the heaven was opened. And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, "You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased."

**3:23 Genealogy of Jesus**
Now Jesus Himself began *His ministry at* about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) *the son* of Joseph, *the son* of Heli…

## Main Truth:

John the Baptist prepared the hearts of men to receive Jesus' message.

## Questions:

1 How did John prepare the way for Jesus?

2 How was John's message different from Jesus' message?

3 Was John's baptism different from believer baptism? How is it different?

4 What form was John's baptism? Immersion, sprinkling, or pouring?

5 How is Luke's genealogy of Jesus different from Matthew's? Why are they different?

## Private Notes:

# Luke 4 - Temptation of Jesus

## Key verses to think about.

**4:1 Filled Yet Tempted**
Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,

**4:3-4 Tempted to Show Off**
And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." But Jesus answered him, saying, "It is written, *'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.'*"

**4:16 In Nazareth**
So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. (Isaiah 61:1-3)

**4:24 Without Honor at Home**
Then He said, "Assuredly, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own country.

**4:28-30 They Tried to Kill Him**
So all those in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, and rose up and thrust Him out of the city; and they led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might throw Him down over the cliff. Then passing through the midst of them, He went His way.

**4:35 Demon in the Synogogue**
But Jesus rebuked him (demonized man) saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!" And when the demon had thrown him in *their* midst, it came out of him and did not hurt him.

## Main Truth:

Jesus was tempted in all points as we are, yet without sin.

## Questions:

1 “Filled with the Spirit but led by the Spirit to be tempted.” Can’t the Holy Spirit lead us to be tempted? Doesn’t that contradict the Lords Prayer?

2 Was Jesus temptation to make bread something he yielded to when he fed the 5000? What is the difference?

3 Why did the home town crowd try to kill Jesus? What made them so mad?

4 Can a true believer (he was in the synagogue) be demonized? Show evidence in scripture for or against that.

## Private Notes:

# Luke 5 - Power to Heal and Forgive

## Key verses to think about.

**5:17 Power Present to Heal**
And the power of the Lord was *present* to heal them.

**5:21 Only God Can Forgive.**
And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, “Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

**5:31 The Physician**
Jesus answered and said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call *the righteous*, but sinners, to repentance.”

**5:33-35 Disciples Will Fast**
Then they said to Him, “Why do the disciples of John fast often and make prayers, and likewise those of the Pharisees, but Yours eat and drink?” 35 “But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them; then they will fast in those days.”

**5:37 Old Wine Skins**
“And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; or else the new wine will burst the wineskins and be spilled, and the wineskins will be ruined.

## Main Truth:

Jesus cans to seek and save lost people.

## Questions:

1 What's your favorite verse in this chapter? Why? How can you use it?

2 Why was the power of the Lord present to heal on Capernaum but not in Nazareth?

3 If God alone can forgive sins, then what does that imply about Jesus?

4 John's disciples fasted, Jesus said his disciple would fast. Do you fast? How often. Why, or why not?

## Private Notes:

# Luke 6 - When You Are Mistreated

## Key verses to think about.

**6:5 Lord of the Sabbath**
Then Jesus said to them, “The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.”

**6:9 Doing Good on the Sabbath**
Then Jesus said to them, “I ask you, which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to destroy it?”

**6:12 All Night in Prayer**
One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God.

**6:17-19 He Healed Their Diseases**
A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by impure spirits were cured, and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all.

**6:22-23 Blessed When Persecuted**
“Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.”

**6;27-28 Love Your Enemies**
“But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.”

**6:31 Do Unto Others**
“Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

**6:37 Don’t Judge**
“Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.”

**6:38 Give Generously**
“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

## Main Truth:

Our reactions to being mistreated says more about our real faith than all the good works we do.

## Questions to Discuss:

1 What does it mean to you that Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath? Do you have a Sabbath rest every week? Is the Lord’s Day your day or His day?

2 How do you react when someone offends you, hurts your feelings, steps on your toes, or says something you don’t like, or disagrees with you? Are they your enemy? Do they need to apologize to you before you can forgive them?

3 Do you forgive others as Christ has forgiven you? Or do you hold a grudge? Do you expect an apology?

4 Do you do to others what you want done to you? Or do you seek to get even, censure or cancel them until they repent to you?

5 How’s your generosity? Do you give generously of your earnings? Do you look for opportunities to give to hurting people?

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# Luke 7 - He Heals & Raises the Dead

## Key verses to think about.

**7:7 Just Say the Word**
"Therefore I did not even think myself worthy to come to You. But say the word, and my servant will be healed."

**7:9 Great Faith**
When Jesus heard these things, He marveled at him, and turned around and said to the crowd that followed Him, "I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!"

**7:14-15 Resurrected Son**
Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried *him* stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother.

**7:22 John Believed**
Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things you have seen and heard: that *the* blind see, *the* lame walk, *the* lepers are cleansed, *the* deaf hear, *the* dead are raised, *the* poor have the gospel preached to them.

**7:33-34 Fickle Followers**
"For John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and you say, 'He has a demon.' The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, 'Look, a glutton and a winebibber, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!'

**7:38 She Washed Him with Tears**
A woman stood at His feet behind *Him* weeping; and she began to wash His feet with her tears, and wiped *them* with the hair of her head; and she kissed His feet and anointed *them* with the fragrant oil.

## Main Truth:

Jesus proved his authority and deity by *the blind* see, *the lame* walk, *the* lepers are cleansed, *the deaf* hear, *the* dead are raised, *the* poor have the gospel preached to them.

## Questions:

1 What was so remarkable about the Centurion's faith?

2 How many people did Jesus raise from the dead? We usually think of Lazarus, but there were others.

3 Do you think John the Baptist began to doubt, or at least wonder, if Jesus was the Messiah? He certainly believed. He was the forerunner. He declared Jesus as the Lamb of God. So, why did he send his disciples to ask Jesus?

4 There are two records of a woman with an alabaster jar anointing Jesus. One was clearly Mary, sister of Martha. The other was called a sinful woman, but the story is identical. Are they the same person? What are the similarities and differences? Study the stories and note the differences.

Matthew 26:6-13, Mark 14:3-9, Luke 7:36-50, and John 12:1-8

## Private Notes:

# Luke 8 - Good Soil

**Verses to think about.**

**8:1-3 Jesus Financial Support**
And the twelve *were* with Him, and certain women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities—Mary called Magdalene, out of whom had come seven demons, and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others who provided for him from their substance.

**8:8 Good Soil**
"But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold." When He had said these things He cried, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

**8:13 Poor Soil**
"But the ones on the rock *are those* who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away.

**8:19 Jesus Family**
Then His mother and brothers came to Him, and could not approach Him because of the crowd.

## Main Truth:

The word of God is down in every life, but the response to that word varies depending on the soil's receptivity.

## Questions:

1 What can you tell us about Mary Magdalene? How often is she mentioned?

2 Identify three unfruitful soils:
Wayside - the devil
Rocky ground - temptation
Thorns - cares, riches, fun

3 What makes for good ground? What kind of soil are you? Matthew 13:8 says some 100, some 60, some 30 times what was sown.

4 Why did Jesus often say, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"? Where else do we see this phrase in the New Testament? Why is it so often repeated? What have you produced?

5 The storm on the sea frightened the disciples so much they thought they would perish. Yet, Jesus was in the boat. How often have you wondered it Jesus cared that you were struggling through same storm? Share your story.

## Private Notes:

# Luke 9 - The Great Provider

**Key verses to think about.**

9:1 He Gave Them Power
Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases.

9:11 Those Who Needed Healing
But when the multitudes knew *it,* they followed Him; and He received them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who had need of healing.

9:13 Five Loaves and Two Fish
But He said to them, “You give them something to eat.” And they said, “We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we go and buy food for all these people.”

9:16-17 More Than Enough
He blessed and broke them, and gave *them* to the disciples to set before the multitude. So they all ate and were filled, and twelve baskets of the leftover fragments were taken up by them.

9:20-21 You Are the Christ!
He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered and said, “The Christ of God.” And He strictly warned and commanded them to tell this to no one,

9:23 Your Daily Cross
Then He said to *them* all, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me.”

9:25-26 Ashamed of Me
For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His *own* glory, and *in His* Father’s, and of the holy angels.

## Main truth:

Jesus provides all our needs so we can proclaim his sufficiency to others.

## Questions:

1 “He gave them power and authority to heal.” Has he given you that same power and authority? Do you use it?

2 “He healed those who had need of healing.” Do you have a NEED of healing? Or would you just like to be healed? What would you do with your healing if and when he gives it?

3 “He provided food, they ate and were filled.” Jesus provide MORE than enough. Why didn’t he provide JUST enough? Why 12 baskets left over? Why not no left overs? What does that say to us?

4 What is the cross you are to daily take up? Does everyone carry the same cross? Are some crosses heavier than yours?

5 Are you ever ashamed to speak his name? Do you ever keep silent when an opportune moment presented itself? How can you be ready to give an answer a reason of the hope that is in you?

## Private Notes:

# Luke 10 - Gospel Responsibility

**Key verses to think about.**

10:2 Then He said to them, “The harvest truly *is* great, but the laborers *are* few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.

10:16 “He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me.”

10:19 “Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.”

19:20 “Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.”

10:27 So he answered Jesus and said, “*‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,’* and *‘your neighbor as yourself.’*”

10:28 And He said to him, “You have answered rightly; do this and you will live.”

**Main Truth:**
Our love for God is proved in our obedience to Christ and our love to our fellow man.

**Questions:**

1 Do you pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers? If you do he will send you first. Be careful what you pray!

2 Rejection is an inevitable response to preaching the gospel. Have you ever been rejected for sharing Christ? When? Where?

3 Too often believers get excited about casting out demons rather than rejoicing that their names are written in heaven. Are you excited about your salvation or about your power and authority?

4 Verse 28 - is Jesus teaching a works salvation? How is this different from his answer to Nicodemous in John 3?

5 Can you actually love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength without being born again?

# Private Notes:

# Luke 11 - When You Pray

## Key verses to think about.

**11:2-4 The Lord's Prayer**
So He said to them, "When you pray, say:
*Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us day by day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, For we also forgive everyone who sins against (in debt to us) us. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one."*

**11:9-13 Believing Prayer**
"So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if *he asks* for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will *your heavenly* Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?"

**11:22 Bind the Strongman**
But when someone stronger attacks and overpowers him, he takes away the armor in which the man trusted and divides up his plunder.

**11:33 The Lamp Lit**
"No one lights a lamp and puts it in a place where it will be hidden, or under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, so that those who come in may see the light."

## Main truth:

Jesus often emphasized prayer, but not like common people pray. Almost everyone prays but few pray as Jesus commanded, forgiving first and believing God hears and answers your prayers.

## Questions:

1 What is the meaning of “forgive those who is in debt to us”? It is important to study the Greek word used here and in Matthew.

Verse 4 - Luke 11:4
3784 ὀφείλω opheilo = obligation, debt, to owe, ought to, sin against, trespass, error, miss the mark, debtor, or guilty
-Anyone who owes us and apology
-Anyone who trampled on our pride
-Anyone who rubs us the wrong way

Trespass against - Mt 6:12 & 18:15
264 ἁμαρτάνω hamartano = trespass, offends, faults
-Anyone who steps on your toes
-Anyone who offends you
-Anyone who does you wrong

2 What is the meaning of asking, seeking and knocking?
Will the Father exchange the good you ask for something bad?
-Bread - stone
-Fish - serpent
-Egg- scorpion

3 What do these things represent?
-Asking for bread - necessities
-Asking for good gifts - blessings
-Asking for the Holy Spirit - best

Avoid asking for things to consume it on our desires, cravings, and greed. James 4:3

# Luke 12 - Your Value to God

## Key verses to think about.

(There's a lot to think about and digest here. I suggest a few verses with thoughtful questions. I'm sure you'll think of more.)

**12:2-3 There Are No Secrets**
There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. What you have said in the dark will be heard in the daylight, and what you have whispered in the ear in the inner rooms will be proclaimed from the roofs.

**12:6 Your Value to God**
Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. 7 Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

**12:8 Ashamed of Him**
"I tell you, whoever publicly acknowledges me before others, the Son of Man will also acknowledge before the angels of God."

**12:10 Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit**
"And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven."

**12:11-12 Holy Spirit Teaches You**
"When you are brought before synagogues, rulers and authorities, do not worry about how you will defend yourselves or what you will say, for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say."

**12:31-32 Worry and Provisions**
"But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom."

**12:49-51 Peace on Earth**
"I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division."

## Main Truth:

God cares about you more than you can know. Even your hairs are numbered.

## Questions:

1 Verse 2-3 what does that mean about texting, email, and surfing the internet? What does that say about secret pornography? What does that say about gossip, criticism of others, etc.?

2 What is blasphemy of the Holy Spirit? Can you think of some verses and not just other people's opinions?

3 Do verses 11-12 mean preachers shouldn't study or prepare what to preach but simply rely on the Holy Spirit's leading at that moment? Show us some scriptures to defend your view.

4 What do verses 31-32 mean to you personally? How can you apply verses 22-34 in your life? Does God care about your finances?

5 Every time you see a hair in the shower or on your sink, remember verse 7. The very hairs of you head are numbered! God counts them. He keeps track of them.

## Private Notes:

# Luke 13 - Repent of Perish

## Key verses to think about.

**13:3 Repent or Perish**
“I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.”

**13:12-13 Set Free from Infirmity**
When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, “Woman, you are set free from your infirmity.” Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God.

**13:23-24 The Narrow Door**
Someone asked him, “Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?” He said to them, “Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to.

**13:27-28 Depart from me**
“But he will reply, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from. Away from me, all you evildoers!’ There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown out.”

**13:34 Hen and Chicks**
“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.”

## Main thought:

Many are called, few are chosen. Many want to go to heaven. Few find the one door.

## Questions:

1 “Repent or perish” is not welcome news to our culture. It sounds harsh and judgmental, even cruel. Do you think anyone can be saved without repentance? What does repentance mean?

2 Jesus taught there is only one door and one narrow gate to enter the kingdom of Heaven. Do you think some people will get to heaven because they were nice loving people who loved good lives? Why or why not? Should the preaching of the gospel be less restrictive?

3 Jesus made it clear that not everyone will enter Heaven. Some are called evil doers, who he “does not know, who will be thrown out to where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth.” Based on this do you believe there is a literal hell? What other scriptures would you point to in which Jesus talked about hell as a place of eternal torment?

4 After saying these harsh things and demanding repentance Jesus showed his compassionate longing for everyone to come to him. Can you point to other scriptures that affirm the love of God? How can we lovingly invite people to be saved yet without sounding mean spirited?

5 How can you justify the wrath of God on sinners and the love of God? Can a loving God send people to hell? Prove it.

## Private Notes:

# Luke 14 - Reaching Out

## Key verses to think about.

**14:3-4 Sabbath Healing**
Jesus asked the Pharisees and experts in the law, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath or not?” But they remained silent. So taking hold of the man, he healed him and sent him on his way.

**14:12-14 Holy Hospitality**
Then He also said to him who invited Him, “When you give a dinner or a supper, do not ask your friends, your brothers, your relatives, nor rich neighbors, lest they also invite you back, and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite *the* poor, *the* maimed, *the* lame, *and the* blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you; for you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

**14:21-23 Inviting to Jesus**
Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here *the* poor and *the* maimed and *the* lame and *the* blind.’ “And the servant said, ‘Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.’ Then the master said to the servant, ‘Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel *them* to come in, that my house may be filled.

**14:26-27 Bear Your Cross and Follow**
“If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple. And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.”

**14:33 Forsake All**
“So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.”

**14:34 Salt That Loses Its Savor**
“Salt *is* good; but if the salt has lost its flavor, how shall it be seasoned?”

## Main Truth:

The servant is like his Master. As Jesus is so should we be, salt and light in a world of darkness.

## Questions:

1 Do you honor the Sabbath, or do you treat it as your day off? Why did God institute the Sabbath?

2 Hospitality is commanded of all of us, not just women, and not just to your friends and relatives. Who have you reached out to with hospitality that are not your friends or family? Are you practicing hospitality as a way to reach unbelievers? Who? Why? How often?

3 Jesus said “Go out to the highways and hedges and COMPEL them to come in to my house.” Do you do that? Or do you just go to church week after week without ever bringing someone with you? Why don’t you?

4 “If you don’t hate father and mother and forsaking all you cannot be my disciple.” What does that mean? Isn’t it wrong to hate father and mother?

5 Salt is good. It enhances flavors, it preserves food, and it purifies. How can you become salt to those around you? Are you being too sweet and losing your impact?

## Private Notes:

# Luke 15 - Lost Things

## Key verses to think about.

**15:4 Lost Sheep**
"What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it?"

**15:7 Lost Sinner**
"I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance."

**15:8 Lost Coin**
"Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds *it?"*

**15:12 Lost Son**
"And the younger of them said to *his* father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls *to me.*' So he divided to them *his* livelihood."

**15:31-32 Rejoice the Lost Are Found**
"And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. 'It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.' "

## Main Thought:

Jesus came to seek and to save the lost. Heaven rejoices when one sinner repents.

# Questions:

1 Are you seeking the lost? Do you have s list of unsaved friends you are praying for? Who are they?

2 Are you bringing lost people to hear about Jesus? Who? When? Where?

3 Do you ever weep over someone who has gone astray? Do you pray regularly for their return?

Do you celebrate when a friend, acquaintance, or family member comes to Jesus? Who was the last one you saw come to Jesus?

# Private Notes:

# Luke 16 - The Danger of Hell

## Key verses to think about.

**16:10-11 Faithful in the Least**
"He who *is* faithful in *what i*s east is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in *what is* least is unjust also in much. Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true *riches?"*

**16:13 Two Masters**
"No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."

**16:17 The Faithful Word**
"And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one tittle of the law to fail."

**16:18 Divorce and Remarriage**
"Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced from *her* husband commits adultery."

**16:24 Hell Is For Real**
"Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.'" 26 'And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.'
29-31 "Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' "And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' "But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.' "

## Main Thought:

Live your life with eternity in view. It is appointed once to die and after that the judgment.

## Questions:

1 “You cannot serve God and mammon.” What is “mammon”? How can we be guilty of serving mammon?

2 How do you view Jesus teaching on divorce and remarriage? Is it still valid for us today? Or is it irrelevant in our culture?

3 List the truths about hell Jesus taught in this story:

## Private Notes:

# Luke 17 - Offending & Forgiveness

## Key verses to think about.

**17:1-4 Offending Little Ones**
Then He said to the disciples, “It is impossible that no offenses should come, but woe *to him through* whom they do come! It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones.

**17:3-4 Forgiving Offenses**
Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you saying, ‘I repent,’ you shall forgive him.”

**17:5-6 Increase Our Faith**
And the apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith.” So the Lord said, “If you have faith as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be pulled up by the roots and be planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.”

**17:10 Obey and Serve**
“So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, ‘We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do.’ ”

**17:14-16 Ten Lepers**
So when He saw *them,* He said to them, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on *his* face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan.

**17:21 The Kingdom Within**
“For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you.”

**17:32 “Remember Lot’s wife.”**

**17:34-36 Second Coming**
"I tell you, in that night there will be two *men* in one bed: the one will be taken and the other will be left. Two *women* will be grinding together: the one will be taken and the other left. Two *men* will be in the field: the one will be taken and the other left."

# Main Truth:

Be ready for the coming of the Lord. He may come at any moment, so forgive others their sins and serve Jesus.

# Questions:

1 What did Jesus mean by "offending one of these little ones"? What did he mean by offending?

2 If we are to forgive when someone when they repent, should we then not forgive when someone doesn't apologize?

3 Do you think all 10 lepers remained healed, or just the one who returned to give thanks? What do we learn from this?

4 If the kingdom of God is within us, why are we waiting for the kingdom of God? Does this mean God's kingdom is in our hearts, so don't look for an earthly kingdom?

5 What do verses 34-36 teach us about the coming of the Lord? (There are several lessons here.)

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# Luke 18 - Believing Prayers

## Key verses to think about.

**18:1 Persistence in Prayer**
Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart,

**18:7-8 Will Faith Exist?**
“And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?”

**18:13-14 Humility**
“And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise *his* eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified *rather* than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

**18:16 Little Children**
But Jesus called them to *Him and* said, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God.”

**18:25-27 Rich Men**
“For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” And those who heard it said, “Who then can be saved?” But He said, “The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.”

**18:18-41The Blind Man**
38 And he cried out, saying, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” 41 saying, “What do you want Me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, that I may receive my sight.”

## Main Truth:

Believing prayer humbly asks God for the impossible and clings to his mercy and goodness for the answer.

## Questions:

1 Have you ever been discouraged about praying for something? Does it ever feel like God doesn't care?

2 Have you ever prayed "God be merciful to me a sinner"? Even as a believer do you ever pray this? (See David's prayer in Psalm 51 and Lamentations 3:22-23)

3 Does verse 16 relate back to 17:1-4 about offending little ones? Now what do you think offending little ones means?

## Private Notes:

# Luke 19 - Riches & Service

## Key verses to think about.

**19:2 Zacchaeus, Wee Little Man**
Now behold, *there was* a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich.

**19:8 True Repentance**
Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold.”

**19:10 He Came to Save the Lost**
“For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.

**19:26 Ten Minas**
‘For I say to you, that to everyone who has will be given; and from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.”

**19:37-38 Triumphal Entry**
Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen, saying: “ *‘Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the LORD!’*

**19:43-44 Destruction of the Temple**
“For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation.”

**19:46 House of Prayer**
"It is written, *'My house is a house of prayer,'* but you have made it a *'den of thieves.'*"

# Main Truth:

Jesus came to seek and save the lost. He is still doing it today.

# Questions to Discuss:

1 Zacchaeus wasn't asked to sell all he had as Jesus told the rich young ruler. What is the difference and why?

2 Ten bars of silver (minas). I like the KJV which says, "Occupy till I come." The word means "put it to use." What talent(s) or mina(s) has God given you to put to use? Are you using it for Hos glory or hiding it?

3 The destruction of the Temple and the city of Jerusalem was total destruction of not one stone upon another. Why then do people believe the 'Wailing Wall' is a wall of the Temple?

4 Is your church primarily a house of prayer? If not, what is it known for? Did God's plans change?

**Commentary**
<u>Destruction of the Temple:</u>
(The Roman General, Titus, saw Jerusalem and was aghast at the total destruction, nothing was left but the wall of the Roman fortress of Antonia. Josephus testified the same thing.

So much gold was looted from the Temple by the Roman soldiers that the value of gold across the Roman province of

Syria crashed by half overnight. It also financed the Roman Colosseum.)

The Wars of the Jews, 6.271–6.315
Flavius Josephus https://lexundria.com/j_bj/6.271-6.315/wst

The Triumphal Entry:

The Triumphal Entry was through the Eastern Gate, the Golden Gate, which faces the Mount of Olives, has been sealed up and a cemetery built in front by the Sunni Muslim Sultan Suleiman the Magnificent in 1541 CE to prevent the Messiah from entering that gate as prophesied in the Old Testament.

**Ezekiel 43:1–5** details the glory of God returning to the future millennial Temple from the east.
**Zechariah 14:4** predicts the Messiah will stand on the Mount of Olives, directly facing the Eastern Gate, before entering the city.
**Malachi 3:1-3** prophesies the Lord will suddenly come to His Temple, which historically occurred via the eastern route.

**Ezekiel 44:1–3**:
*Then he brought me back to the outer gate of the sanctuary, which faces east. And it was shut. 2 And the Lord said to me, "This gate shall remain shut; it shall not be opened, and no one shall enter by it, for the Lord, the God of Israel, has entered by it. Therefore, it shall remain shut. 3 Only the prince may sit in it to eat bread before the Lord. He shall enter by way of the vestibule of the gate, and shall go out by the same way."*

https://www.holylandsite.com/eastern-gate-jerusalem

## Private Notes:

# Luke 20 - Stumping His Critics

## Key verses to think about.

**20:17 Jesus the Cornerstone**
Then He looked at them and said, "What then is this that is written: *'The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone'*?

**20:22-25 Paying Taxes**
"Is it lawful for us to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" But He perceived their craftiness, and said to them, "Why do you test Me? "Show Me a denarius. Whose image and inscription does it have?" They answered and said, "Caesar's. And He said to them, "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

**20:33-36 Marriage in Heaven**
Now then, at the resurrection whose wife will she be, since the seven were married to her?" Jesus replied, "The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. But those who are considered worthy of taking part in the age to come and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage, and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God's children, since they are children of the resurrection.

**20:42-44 Son of David is Lord**
David himself declares in the Book of Psalms: "The Lord said to my Lord: 'Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.'" David calls him 'Lord.' How then can he be his son?"

## Main Truth:

Jesus answered his critics wisely and biblical correcting their misunderstanding of scripture.

## Questions:

1 Why did Jesus call himself the Cornerstone? Look up these references for the answer. (Psalm 118:22, Isaiah 28:16, Zechariah 10:4, Acts 4:11, Ephesians 2:19-20, 1 Peter 2:6-7)

2 If we pay taxes because coins belong to Caesar's (the government) why do people chafe at paying God a tithe?

3 Many Christians believe they'll still be married in heaven. Jesus said no. So, why do they insist they will still be married? Are we going to be angels in heaven?

## Private Notes:

# Luke 21 - End Times Signs

## Key verses to think about.

**21:1-4 The Widow's Mite**
As Jesus looked up, he saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."

**21:5-6 The Temple Destruction**
Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, "As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down."

**21:7-28 Signs of His Coming**
"Teacher," they asked, "when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?"

## Main Truth:

Jesus made it clear, just as the Old Testament predicted his first coming so the New Testament clearly predicted his second coming.

## Questions:

1 List the of signs Jesus gave for the second coming in chronological order.

2 If we shouldn't try to predict the coming of Christ, why should we know the signs? (Acts 1:6-7)

3 How do those sign compare to
-1 Corinthians 15:51-54,
-1 Thessalonians 4:13-17,
-2 Thessalonians 2:1-12
-2 Timothy 3:1-5, and
-The book of Revelation?

5 if Jesus was watching what a poor widow gave, do you not think he is watching your giving?

## Private Notes:

# Luke 22 - Betrayal and Arrest

## Key verses to think about. (Long chapter)

**22:3 Satan Entered Judas**
Then Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, one of the Twelve.

**22:15-20 The Bread & Cup**
And he said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God.”

**The Cup**
After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, “Take this and divide it among you. For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”

**The Bread**
And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.”

**The Cup**
In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.”

**22:22 Woe to Judas!**
The Son of Man will go as it has been decreed. But woe to that man who betrays him!”

**22:31-32 Peter’s Sifting**
“Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”

**22:33-34 Peter will Deny Him 3x**
Jesus answered, “I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me.” 34 Jesus answered, “I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me.”

**22:36-38 Two Swords**
He said to them, “But now if you have a purse, take it, and also a bag; and if you don’t have a sword, sell your cloak and buy one… 38 The disciples said, “See, Lord, here are two swords.” “That’s enough!” he replied.

**22:50-51 Cut Off an Ear**
And one of them struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear. But Jesus answered, “No more of this!” And he touched the man’s ear and healed him.

**22:60 Peter’s Denial**
Peter replied, “Man, I don’t know what you’re talking about!” Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed.

**22:69-70 Son of God**
But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the mighty God.” 70 They all asked, “Are you then the Son of God?” He replied, “You say that I am.”

# Main Truth:

The question for all of us as we celebrate communion with Jesus is, “Lord, is it I?” Either betrayal to the enemy or denial of our Savior by our silence.

# Questions:

1 Back to a theme we’ve addressed before. Can a true believer be demonized? Can a true believer apostatize and curse Christ? Did Paul or Peter cast out demons in believers?

2 Judas was one of the twelve. He was given authority to preach, heal and cast out demons. Was he a true believer? What does the scripture say? Matthew 26:24, Luke 22:22, John 13:2. John 17:12, 1 John 2:19,

3 How many cups did Jesus drink at the last supper?

4 Why did Jesus say to sell your clock and buy a sword? Why did he say their two swords were enough? Who used s sword that night?

5 Is Jesus the Son of God? How can you be sure of that? What are your proofs?

# Luke 23 - He Died For Me

## Key verses to think about.

**23:2 He Opposes Taxes**
And they began to accuse him, saying, “We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar and claims to be Messiah, a king.”

**23:7-9 Herod**
When he learned that Jesus was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was greatly pleased, because for a long time he had been wanting to see him. From what he had heard about him, he hoped to see him perform a sign of some sort. He plied him with many questions, but Jesus gave him no answer.

**23:11 Birds of a Feather**
Then Herod and his soldiers ridiculed and mocked him. Dressing him in an elegant robe, they sent him back to Pilate.

**23:15-16 Not Guilty!**
Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us; as you can see, he has done nothing to deserve death. 16 Therefore, I will punish him and then release him

**23:25 Barabbas Released**
He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, the one they asked for, and surrendered Jesus to their will.

**23:26 Simon the Cyrenian**
As the soldiers led him away, they seized Simon from Cyrene, who was on his way in from the country, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus.

**23:34 “Father, Forgive them.”**
Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

**23:39-43 The Two Criminals**
One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me

when you come into your kingdom." Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

**23:44-46 Miracles at His Death**

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last.

# Main Truth:

Jesus died the just for the unjust to bring us to God.

# Questions:

1 Did Jesus' accusers lie about him?
What lie or lies did they tell?

2 Which Herod tried Jesus? There were several Herods in the New Testament, all of them are important to the gospel story. It's good to know the difference. (See my study: https://www.ministrytoday.org/Seminars-2007/system16/2009herod.htm

3 Where was Jesus tried? Where was Pilate's Hall? Where was Herod's Palace?

4 What do you know about Simon the Cyrenian? His sons are mentioned in the New Testament. Where?

5 Where did Jesus go when he died? (See Luke 23:43, John 20:17, Luke 16:22, Ephesians 4:9-10, Revelation 1:18) Where was paradise? Why does the Apostles Creed declare "He descended into hell"?

6 What is the significance of 3 pm, the veil being torn, top to bottom, and darkness for three hours? What was the veil of the Temple? How big was it?

**Commentary**

Pilate's judgment hall, or the **Praetorium**, was most likely located at **Herod's Palace** on the western side of the upper city of Jerusalem, though Christian tradition has long placed it at the **Antonia Fortress** near the Temple mount.
https://www.holylandsite.com/pilates-palace

## Private Notes:

# Luke 24 - He is Risen!

## Key verses to think about.

**24:4-7 The Angels**
While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them... He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' "

**24:10-11 The Women**
It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense.

**24:12 Peter Ran to the Tomb**
Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

**24:13-26 The Road to Emmaus**
One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" "What things?" he asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people.

**24:27 He Opened the Scriptures**
And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

**24:32 Burning Hearts**
They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

## Main Truth:

Jesus died and rose again to defeat the power of death and hell and to deliver us from the fear of death.

## Questions:

1 Was Jesus three days and three nights in the tomb? How do you calculate 3 days?

2 How many angels appeared at the tomb? Compare Matthew, Mark, Luke and John)

3 What did John write about Peter running to the tomb? What did Luke leave out?

4 Jesus opened the Scripture and preached Christ from the Old Testament from Moses, the Prophets and Psalms. Can you prove Christ through Old Testament Prophecies? How man prophecies were there concerning Jesus?

5 Does your heart burn within you when the word of God is preached? If not, why not?

## Private Notes:

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# Have You Examined the Scriptures and your Heart?

### Search for Treasure: (P.E.P.S.I.)

- A **P**-romise to claim.
- An **E**-xample to follow.
- A **P**-rayer concern.
- A **S**-in to avoid.
- An **I**-nstruction to obey.

### Personal Questions:

- What Verse Challenged you?
- What Verse Encouraged you?
- What Verse Convicted you?
- What Verse Confused you?
- What Verse Startled you?
- What Verse Frightened you?

### Group Questions:

1. What verse stands out to you in this chapter? Why?
2. What verse causes you to struggle with its demand? Why?
3. What verse encourages your faith the most? Why?
4. Is there a command here you find most difficult to obey? Why?
5. Is there a promise here you want to claim? What?
6. Is there something you need to pray about in this passage? Why?
7. Is there a word / topic here you need to explore more deeply? What?