

# Luke Study Questions

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## AN ANGEL FORETELLS THE BIRTH OF JESUS

### Luke 1:26-38

**INTRODUCTION:** God wanted to speak to people. He sent an angel to the girl who would be the mother of Jesus. The angel gave the girl many promises from God about the baby.

**PRAY:** Ask God to help you understand His wonderful message to Mary.

**READ:** Luke 1:26-38.

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:** What was the special message the Angel Gabriel brought Mary from God? (vs. 31)

1. Who sent the angel called Gabriel to Nazareth? (vs. 26)
2. Who did the angel give the message to? (vs. 27)
3. Who was engaged to Mary? (vs. 27)
4. How did Mary feel when she first heard the angel's greeting? (vs. 29)
5. What name did the angel tell Mary to give her son? (vs. 31)
6. Who would be the Father of Jesus? (vs. 32)
7. What kind of Kingdom does Jesus have? (vs. 33)
8. How was Mary to become pregnant if she was a virgin? (vs. 35)
9. Who else was going to have a baby? (vs. 36)
10. What did Mary say when she understood the message from God? (vs. 38)

#### **CONCLUSION:**

God wants the whole world to know who He is. God wants us to know that He will forgive the things we do wrong. God chose an ordinary woman who loved Him, was obedient and believed in Him to be the mother of His Son. God promised to be with her. We can also know God's love and power in our lives if we believe what he says is true. God teaches us through His Word.

**PRAYER:** Lord God, thank You for sending Your Son. Help me to believe that nothing you ask me to be or to do is impossible. I believe You are with me. Amen.

## JESUS IS BORN!

### Luke 2:1-20

**INTRODUCTION:** Jesus is born in Bethlehem and many wonderful things happen at that time.

**PRAY:** Ask God to show you new things as you study today.

**READ:** Luke 2:1-20

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:** What was to be the result of the birth of God's Son? (vs. 10, 14)

1. Why did everyone go to the town of their birth? (vs. 2)
2. What happened while Mary and Joseph were in Bethlehem? (vs. 7)
3. Why was Jesus born in a stable? (vs. 7)
4. Who appeared to the shepherds? (vs. 9)
5. How did the shepherds feel when they saw and heard the angel? (vs. 9)
6. Who did the angel say Jesus was? (vs. 11)
7. What was the sign the angel gave to the shepherds? (vs. 13)
8. What did the shepherds do after they saw Jesus in the manger? (vs. 17)
9. How did the people react to what the shepherds told them? (vs. 18)
10. How did Mary react to everything that happened? (vs. 19)

**CONCLUSION:** Jesus was born at a specific time in history. We know the names of his mother and foster father. God made a special announcement from heaven at his birth and everything the angel said came true. The birth of Jesus made a big impact on the people where he was born. Jesus was more than an ordinary baby.

**PRAYER:** Lord Jesus, I know that everything about you is true just like the angel's announcement about you was true. Help me to tell other people about you as the shepherds did. Amen.

## JESUS IS PRESENTED IN THE TEMPLE

### Luke 2:21-40

**INTRODUCTION:** Joseph and Mary kept the Jewish religious traditions. Jesus was circumcised and named. Different people met Mary, Joseph and Jesus in the temple. The family then lived in Nazareth.

**PRAYER:** Ask God to help you understand what you read.

**READ:** Luke 2:21-39

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:**

Why did Joseph and Mary take Jesus to the temple? (vss 22-24)

1. What sacrifice did Joseph and Mary offer on behalf of Jesus? (vs. 24)
2. What had the Holy Spirit revealed to Simeon? (vs. 26)
3. Who guided Simeon into the temple courts at the same time as Jesus? (vs. 27)
4. What did Simeon do when he first saw Jesus? (vs. 28)
5. What did Simeon believe about Jesus? (vss 30, 31)
6. What special thing would Jesus reveal to people? (vs. 35)
7. What sad thing would happen to Mary? (vs. 35)
8. What did Anna do continually? (vs. 37)
9. What did Anna do when she saw Mary, Joseph and Jesus? (vs. 38)
10. What was Jesus like when he grew up in Nazareth?

**CONCLUSION:** Joseph and Mary loved God and wanted to obey all his laws. They knew they had the care of his son Jesus and did everything they could for him. Even when he was a baby some people recognized that Jesus was God's son and worshipped him. From the beginning Mary and Joseph knew who Jesus really was and that he would live a difficult and dangerous life.

**PRAYER:** Lord Jesus, I too want to worship you. Help me to know you more and be obedient to you even as Mary and Joseph were obedient to God's laws when you were first born. Amen.

## THE BOY JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

### Luke 2:41-52

**INTRODUCTION:** Jesus grew up in Nazareth with his earthly parents but he always knew who he really was. Did Mary and Joseph understand who he really was? Jesus surprised people. Even when Mary and Joseph didn't seem to understand, Jesus continued to love and obey them.

**PRAYER:** Ask God to help you understand how Jesus behaved as a boy.

**READ:** Luke 2:41-52

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:**

In what way did Jesus show that He already knew who He was? (vs. 49)

1. Why did Mary and Joseph go up to Jerusalem each year? (vs. 41)
2. What did Jesus do when the Feast was over? (vs. 43)
3. Where did Mary and Joseph think Jesus was? (vs. 44)
4. How long did it take Mary and Joseph to find Jesus? (vs. 46)
5. What was Jesus doing in the Temple courts? (vs. 46)
6. How were people reacting to Jesus? (vs. 47)
7. What did Mary say to Jesus? (vs. 48)
8. How did Jesus answer his mother? (vs. 49)
9. Who was the real father of Jesus? (vs. 49)
10. How did Jesus behave afterwards towards his earthly parents? (vs. 51)

**CONCLUSION:**

It was difficult for Mary and Joseph to understand that Jesus was God's son. Jesus proved who he was even when he was young. He amazed people wherever he was because he understood many difficult things. He was loving and obedient and grew up serving God and being admired by everyone who knew him.

**PRAYER:** Lord, help me to be like Jesus, loving and obedient. I want to serve God too.  
Amen

## JOHN THE BAPTIST AND JESUS

### Luke 3:1-22

**INTRODUCTION:** John the Baptist preached about repenting from your wrong doings. He prepared the way for the ministry of Jesus. Jesus was baptised by John and God acknowledged Jesus as his Son.

**PRAY:** Ask God to help you understand the significance of today's study.

**READ:** Luke 3:1-22

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:**

What was the main theme of John's message? (vs. 16)

1. Who were the high priests at the time John preached? (vs. 2)
2. Who was John's father? (vs. 2)
3. Which Old Testament book did John quote from? (vs. 4)
4. What happens to those who do not produce good fruit in their lives? (vs. 9)
5. What good fruit should we show in our lives? (vss 11, 13, 14)
6. What were the people wondering about? (vs. 15)
7. Who did John specifically preach against? (vs. 19)
8. Who was baptised along with the people who repented? (vs. 21)
9. Who descended like a dove on Jesus as he was baptised? (vs. 22)
10. What did the Father say about Jesus his Son? (vs. 21)

**CONCLUSION:** John came and preached a message about turning away from doing wrong in preparation for Jesus and his message. God wants to see holy actions, thoughts and speech in our lives. John the Baptist was a fearless preacher against wrong. John knew that Jesus was the Son of God. Jesus was sinless and did not need to be baptised. All three members of the Godhead revealed themselves at the baptism of Jesus. The heavenly Father was pleased with his Son even before his earthly ministry begun and his death accomplished salvation for those who trust Jesus.

**PRAYER:** Lord Jesus thank you for all you did for me. You were even baptised publicly when you were perfect and did not need to have any sin forgiven. I am so glad your Father and the Holy Spirit acknowledged you and encouraged you before you went into the wilderness. AMEN.

## THE TEMPTATIONS OF JESUS

### Luke 4:1-13

**INTRODUCTION:** Jesus was tempted by Satan when he was in the wilderness. Jesus shows us how to resist temptation by his example.

**PRAY:** Ask God to help you understand what you are reading and so that you can learn more about Jesus.

**READ:** Luke 4:1-13

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:** What did Jesus use to combat Satan's temptations? (vss 4, 8, 12)

1. Who filled Jesus when He returned from Jordan? (vs. 1)
2. How long did Jesus go without food? (vs. 2)
3. What was the devil's first temptation for Jesus? (vs. 3)
4. How did Jesus answer the devil? (vs. 4)
5. What did the devil show Jesus in his second temptation? (vs. 5)
6. What did the devil offer Jesus? (vs. 6)
7. What did Jesus have to do to gain all the kingdoms of the world? (vs. 7)
8. Who did Jesus say we should worship and serve? (vs. 8)
9. Where did the devil lead Jesus for his last temptation? (vs. 9)
10. How did Jesus answer this last temptation? (vs. 12)

**CONCLUSION:** The devil came to Jesus when he was weak because he had fasted. Jesus still had strength to resist Satan because the Holy Spirit filled Him. He knew the Word of God. The same is true for us. If we are daily filled with the Spirit of God and know the Word of God, we too can resist temptation.

**PRAYER:** Lord, we too know the temptation to worship and serve other gods. Please give us the strength to resist the devil and serve only You. Amen.

## JESUS BEGINS HIS MINISTRY

### Luke 4:31-43

**INTRODUCTION:** Jesus begins to teach and heal among the people. Although he healed many kinds of illnesses, his first priority was not just to heal people.

**PRAY:** Ask God to help you understand what you read.

**READ:** Luke 4:31-43

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:** Why did Jesus come to earth? (vs. 43)

1. What was different about the teaching of Jesus? (vs. 32)
2. What did the demons inside of the man fear? (vs. 34)
3. What two commands did Jesus give the demons? (vs. 35)
4. What happened to the demon-possessed man? (vs. 35)
5. What was the result of this miracle? (vs. 37)
6. Who was sick in Simon's house? (vs. 38)
7. How did Jesus heal Simon's mother in law? (vs. 39)
8. What did the woman do after being healed? (vs. 39)
9. What happened as the sun was setting? (vs. 40)
10. Where did Jesus go at daybreak? (vs. 42)

**CONCLUSION:** Jesus was always willing to heal people when they were sick. Even the demons had to obey His commands. They understood that Jesus was the holy Son of God. Jesus felt that preaching the good news about the Kingdom of God was His first priority. He was obedient to what His Father wanted Him to do.

**PRAYER:** Lord Jesus, thank You for being willing to heal me when I am sick. Help me to preach the good news about You wherever I go. Amen

## THE CALLING OF THE FIRST DISCIPLES

### Luke 5: 1-11

**INTRODUCTION:** Jesus wants us to follow and serve him. He sometimes calls people to leave their jobs and do something specific for him. Miracles do affect our lives.

**PRAY:** Ask God to help you understand and learn from what you study.

**READ:** Luke 5:1-11

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:** What caused Simon to feel sinful? (vs. 8,9)

1. What were the people doing who were with Jesus? (vs. 1)
2. Whose boat did Jesus get into? (vs. 3)
3. What did Jesus do when He was in the boat? (vs. 3)
4. What did Jesus tell Simon to do when He had finished teaching the people? (vs. 4)
5. Did Simon obey Jesus even though he thought it was a strange thing to do? (vs. 5)
6. What was the result of Simon's obedience? (vs. 6)
7. What did Simon say when he saw the miracle? (vs. 8)
8. What did everyone else feel when they saw the miracle? (vs. 9)
9. What promise did Jesus give to Simon if he was willing to follow Him? (vs. 10)
10. What did the fishermen do next? (vs. 11)

**CONCLUSION:** Simon and his fishermen friends witnessed a great miracle. Simon realised suddenly that Jesus was more than a man. Simon knew that Jesus was God. Sin is against God and needs forgiveness. Jesus knew the reactions of everyone and He promised the fishermen a new life if they followed Him. All the fishermen left their fishing and followed Jesus.

**PRAYER:** Jesus I know that you can do miracles and I know I am a sinner like Simon. Please forgive me, never leave me. Please use me. Amen.

## JESUS HEALS AND TEACHES ABOUT FORGIVENESS

### Luke 5:12-26

**INTRODUCTION:** Jesus does not only heal but he offers to forgive our wrong doings. Jesus understands about us and why we do wrong things.

**PRAY:** Ask God to help you understand what you study.

**READ:** Luke 5: 12-26

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:**

What is most important to Jesus when he comes in contact with a sick person? (vs. 20)

1. What did the man with leprosy call Jesus? (vs. 12)
2. What happened to the man when Jesus gave the command, "Be clean"? (vs. 13)
3. What happened when the crowds heard about the miracle? (vs. 15)
4. Who was listening besides the crowds when Jesus was teaching? (vs. 17)
5. Whose power was present to enable Jesus to heal? (vs. 17)
6. What did Jesus admire most about the men who brought their friend to Him? (vs. 20)
7. What did Jesus say to the paralysed man? (vs. 20)
8. Who did the Pharisees and teachers think could forgive sin? (vs. 21)
9. What proof did Jesus give to show He had authority on earth to forgive sin? (vs. 24)
10. What did the people do when they saw this miracle? (vs. 26)

**CONCLUSION:** It is amazing to know that Jesus knows what we think about and why we do things. He wants to help and heal us. He wants to forgive our sins. Jesus also wants to be our friend. If He can forgive sin then He must be God for only God can forgive sin.

**PRAYER:** Father God, I thank You for all You do for me. You forgive my sin and make me whole. I praise You today for being such a powerful and loving God who is also my friend. Amen.

## THE CALLING OF MATTHEW LEVI THE TAX COLLECTOR

### Luke 5:27-32

**INTRODUCTION:** People like Levi change when they meet with Jesus. His wrong doings were forgiven. We all need to meet Jesus and have our lives changed. We need to share this with other people.

**PRAY:** Ask God to teach you from today's study.

**READ:** Luke 5:27-32

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:** What is the main reason that Jesus came to earth? (vs. 32)

1. Who did Jesus see sitting at the tax booth? (vs. 27)
2. What did Jesus say to Levi? (vs. 27)
3. What did Levi do when Jesus asked Levi to follow him? (vs. 28)
4. What did Levi do for Jesus to show his love for Jesus? (vs. 29)
5. Who were the other guests? (vs. 29)
6. Who was critical of Jesus? (vs. 30)
7. What was their criticism of Jesus? (vs. 30)
8. Who did they complain to? (vs. 30)
9. Who needs a doctor? (vs. 31)
10. Who has Jesus come to call to turn away from their wrong doing and ask for forgiveness? (vs. 32)

**CONCLUSION:** Jesus was delighted when people repented and shared their joy with others. He wanted everyone to be forgiven. Levi told his fellow workers about Jesus and wanted them to know him. We too can tell others about what we have found in Jesus. People who think a great deal about themselves can sometimes misunderstand what we are doing for Jesus. Jesus shows his love to us even when we are great sinners and wants us to repent and follow him.

**PRAYER:** Lord how I thank you for forgiving me my many sins. Help me never to be over-critical of how other people serve you. Help me to pray for them instead. AMEN

## SOME SIGNIFICANT TEACHING OF JESUS

### Luke 6:17-36

**INTRODUCTION:** Jesus teaches about our behaviour towards our enemies and everyone else. Does Jesus bless those who love and serve Him? He knows the future of those who ignore or reject Him.

**PRAY:** Ask God to help you apply the teaching you study to your own life.

**READ:** Luke 6:17-36

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:** What kind of behaviour does Jesus expect of his disciples? (vs. 31)

1. Why did the people come to hear Jesus? (vs. 18)
2. Why did the people want to touch Jesus? (vs. 19)
3. Who will be blessed by Jesus? (vss. 20-21)
4. What is the special blessing for the poor? (vs. 20)
5. What is the special blessing for those who are hungry? (vs. 21)
6. What is the special blessing for those who weep? (vs. 21)
7. What is the special blessing for those who are hated for being Christians? (vs. 23)
8. What happens to the rich? (vs. 2)
9. How are the followers of Jesus to behave towards their enemies? (vs. 27)
10. What happens when Christians obey this difficult command? (vs. 35)

**CONCLUSION:** Jesus taught His disciples how to behave towards everyone including their enemies. He showers blessings on them especially in difficult times. It is important to remember that God judges us. He is merciful and wants us to be merciful towards other people.

**PRAYER:** Father, I want to be a disciple of Jesus. I know that it is not an easy thing. Help me to live as He wants me to. Help me to show others mercy as You have shown me mercy. Amen.

## FAITH AND MIRACLES

### Luke 7:1-17

**INTRODUCTION:** Jesus cares about our suffering and sickness. He understands about grief and inner pain. Jesus exercises God's authority in this world.

**PRAY:** Ask God for the spiritual understanding of what you read and study.

**READ:** Luke 7: 1-10

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:** What does Jesus like people to show before he heals? (vs. 9)

1. Where did the centurion live? (vs. 1)
2. Who was sick? (vs. 2)
3. What did the centurion do when he heard about Jesus? (vs. 4)
4. Why did the elders think Jesus could help the centurion's servant? (vs. 5)
5. What title of honour and homage did the centurion give Jesus? (vs. 6)
6. How did the centurion feel about himself? (vss. 6, 7)
7. How did his soldiers and servants respond to the centurion's commands? (vs. 8)
8. What did the centurion recognise in Jesus? (vs. 7)
9. What amazed Jesus about the centurion? (vs. 9)
10. What was the result of the centurion's faith in Jesus? (vs. 10)

**READ:** Luke 7:11-17

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:** Who has control over death? (vss 14, 15)

1. Where did Jesus travel to after Capernaum? (vs. 11)
2. Who went with Jesus? (vs. 11)
3. Who did Jesus see as he approached the town gates? (vs. 12)
4. What was the dead man's relationship to the grieving widow? (vs. 12)
5. What was the reaction of Jesus to the sorrow of the widow? (vs. 13)
6. What did Jesus do to the coffin where the young man lay? (vs. 14)
7. What did Jesus say to the dead man? (vs. 14)
8. How did the dead man respond to the command of Jesus? (vs. 15)
9. What conclusion did the crowd come to after seeing the power of Jesus? (vs. 16)
10. What was the result of this healing miracle? (vs. 17)

**CONCLUSION:** Jesus does respond with love to our needs. He respects faith and sympathises with our grief and sorrows. The centurion recognised Jesus had authority to heal because He recognised Him as God. Do you recognise Jesus is God and has authority over your life? Jesus can do miracles today in response to faith and commitment to Him. Praise Him!

**PRAYER:** Thank you Jesus for caring for me in my hard times. I want you to have authority and power in my life. Teach me to have more and more faith in You. Amen.

## THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER AND ITS INTERPRETATION

### Luke 8:1-15

**INTRODUCTION:** Jesus allowed people to serve him. He spoke specifically to his special followers sometimes. Jesus wanted to show the followers how his message would be received. Not everyone is a productive Christian.

**PRAY:** Ask God to help you learn from today's study.

**READ:** Luke 8:1-15

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:** What does the seed in the story represent and who do you think is the sower? (vss 11)

1. What had Mary Magdalene been healed of? (vs. 2)
2. What were the women doing for Jesus? (vs. 3)
3. What happened to the seed falling on the path in the parable of the Sower? (vs. 5)
4. What happened to the seed falling on the rocks? (vs. 6)
5. What happened to the seed falling among the thorns? (vs. 7)
6. What happened to the seed falling on the good ground? (vs. 8)
7. What does the seed stand for? (vs. 11)
8. Who fall away when they are tested? (vs. 13)
9. What happens to those who are more interested in doing things which please them, have lots of money or worry too much? (vs. 14)
10. What produces a good crop for the Kingdom? (vs. 15)

**CONCLUSION:** Jesus spent much of his time teaching the disciples and all his followers about the Kingdom of God. People had different responses as they listened to Jesus. Jesus knew that not everyone would believe and continue to follow him. He also knew that those who did believe and persevere would be of great blessing in the Kingdom. We need to hold tightly to God's word when we are in trouble and testing. We also need to make sure we do not put our hope in having money or doing things which please only ourselves. We need to stand firm against Satan if he tries to turn us away from God.

**PRAYER:** Father, help me to keep trusting in you when things are difficult. I want to bear as much fruit for you as possible, help me Lord to study and understand your word.  
AMEN.

## A STORM ON THE WATER AND IN HEARTS!

### Luke 8:22-25

**INTRODUCTION:** Jesus performed many miracles of healing but his natural miracles also produced faith. People responded differently to Jesus. We witness to what we know about Jesus to other people.

**PRAY:** Ask God to help you learn from what you study.

**READ:** Luke 8:22-25

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:** Jesus must have been tired from his travels but why else do you think he could sleep in the storm?

1. Who did Jesus take with him into the boat? (vs. 22)
2. Where did Jesus say they would all sail to? (vs. 22)
3. What did Jesus do as they sailed across the lake? (vs. 23)
4. What happened while Jesus was asleep? (vs. 23)
5. How did the disciples react to the danger they were in? (vs. 24)
6. What did Jesus do when they woke him up? (vs. 24)
7. Besides the storm, who did Jesus rebuke? (vs. 25)
8. What did he rebuke the disciples for? (vs. 25)
9. What was the reaction of the disciples to the miracle they had witnessed? (vs. 25)
10. Why did they ask "Who is this?" (vs. 25)

**CONCLUSION:** Jesus was at peace even in the storm. Jesus had already told the disciples that they would reach the other side. Their faith was still too small to believe him in the face of danger. Only God can control the weather, the disciples were trying to come to terms with the fact of Jesus being God. He wants us all to know peace in the midst of our stormy lives. Do you trust him?

**PRAYER:** Dear Jesus, please help me to trust you with all of the things which frighten me and cause me pain. I need your peace. Amen.

## JESUS HEALS THE DEMON-POSSESSED

### Luke 8:26-39

**INTRODUCTION:** Jesus can deal with demons. He has power and authority over evil power in our lives and around us. Not all people were impressed with the miracles Jesus did. Some people despised and feared him. There can be sacrifices to be made if we follow Jesus.

**PRAY:** Ask God to protect you by his power as you work through this study and teach you what will help you in the future.

**READ:** Luke 8:26-39

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:** Who has authority over demons and evil? (vss 32, 33)

1. Who met Jesus when he stepped ashore from the boat? (vs. 27)
2. Who did the demons inside the man acknowledge Jesus to be? (vs. 28)
3. What did Jesus do to the demons? (vs. 29)
4. What did Jesus ask the man who was possessed by demons? (vs. 30)
5. What did the demons beg Jesus not to do? (vs. 31)
6. Where did Jesus send the demons? (vs. 32)
7. What did the pig herders do? (vs. 34)
8. What was the final decision of the people of Gerasene to the healing of man who was possessed by demons? (vs. 37)
9. What did Jesus tell the man to do? (vs. 39)
10. How did the man show his love and gratitude to Jesus? (vs. 39)

**CONCLUSION:** Jesus can deal with evil spirits and demons in the lives of those who come to him in need. He has such authority and power that he completely changes our lives if we trust him. He longs for our devotion and our service. He longs for our obedience. Not everyone loves Jesus or understands about him. Someone has to go and tell those who don't know and love him. The healed man went back in obedience to witness even though he preferred to stay with Jesus and the disciples.

**PRAYER:** Help me Jesus to be obedient to your commands even when I don't like what you ask me to do. Amen.

## JESUS CHANGES THE LIVES OF TWO SAD PEOPLE

### Luke 8:40-52

**INTRODUCTION:** We need to have faith if we are to receive blessing from God. God will change us. He will free us from fear as well as sickness.

**PRAY:** Ask Jesus to help you learn how to trust him more through what you study.

**READ:** Luke 8:40-52

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:** Show how Jesus treated these people as individuals? (vss 47, 56)

1. Why did Jairus plead with Jesus? (vs. 42)
2. Who came up behind Jesus in the crowd? (vs. 44)
3. What did the sick woman do when she came up behind Jesus? (vs. 44)
4. What happened to Jesus as a result of the woman's healing? (vs. 46)
5. What did the woman do when Jesus asked who had touched him? (vs. 47)
6. What did Jesus commend her for? (vs. 48)
7. While all this was happening, what dreadful news did Jairus receive from home? (vs. 49)
8. What did Jesus say to the people who were wailing outside? (vs. 52)
9. What happened when Jesus took hold of the girl's hand and told her to get up? (vs. 55)
10. What two things did Jesus tell her parents to do? (vvs 55/56)

**CONCLUSION:** People react in many different ways to the words of Jesus. Some believe like Jairus and the sick woman see miracles. Some people laugh at Jesus and at his disciples. We can be sure that Jesus knows what is in our hearts. He knows if we have faith in him. We always need to be obedient to what he tells us to do. He can give us peace even when we are fearful and frightened. Thank Him!

**PRAYER:** Jesus, help me to know your peace even when I am in danger or am sick. Thank you for loving me and caring about my needs. Help me to trust you even when I face death or chronic illness. Amen.

## JESUS FEEDS THE FIVE THOUSAND

### Luke 9:10-17

**INTRODUCTION:** Jesus cares about our everyday needs. It matters to him if we are hungry or tired. He can make something special out of the small things we give him.

**PRAY:** Ask God to help you learn from what you study today.

**READ:** Luke 9:10-17

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:** Whose power and honour did Jesus acknowledge before all the people? (vs. 16)

1. What did the crowds do when they heard Jesus was in Bethsaida? (vs. 11)
2. How did Jesus do among the crowds? (vs. 11)
3. When did the disciples come to Jesus? (vs. 12)
4. What did the disciples want Jesus to do with the people? (vs. 12)
5. How did Jesus reply to the disciples? (vs. 13)
6. How much food did the disciples bring to Jesus? (vs. 13)
7. How many men were present needing food? (vs. 14)
8. What did Jesus do with the food when the people had sat down? (vs. 16)
9. What happened when the disciples obeyed Jesus and gave the food out to the people? (vs. 17)
10. How did the people feel? (vs. 17)

**CONCLUSION:** Jesus really can do all kinds of miracles. A little food can go a long way when Jesus is in control. He can provide for all our needs. If we offer Jesus our lives, he will use them greatly to his glory.

**PRAYER:** Thank you Jesus, for giving me everything I need. Take my life and use it. Amen.

## THE TRANSFIGURATION

### Luke 9: 28-36

**INTRODUCTION:** Jesus was revealed as God's Son on the mountain. Jesus knew about his coming death and resurrection before it happened. Moses and Elijah appeared with Jesus.

**PRAY:** Ask God to help you learn important truths as you study today.

**READ:** Luke 9:28-36

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:** Why do you think no-one spoke about what they had seen at this time? (vs. 36)

1. Who did Jesus take with him up a mountain when he went to pray? (vs. 28)
2. What happened to Jesus as he was praying? (vs. 29)
3. Who came and talked with Jesus as he prayed? (vs. 30)
4. What were Moses and Elijah talking to Jesus about? (vs. 31)
5. What did Peter and his companions see when they awoke? (vs. 32)
6. What did Peter want to do as the two men were leaving? (vs. 33)
7. What happened as Peter was speaking? (vs. 34)
8. Who spoke out of the cloud? (vs. 35)
9. Who were the disciples to listen to? (vs. 35)
10. What happened after the voice had spoken?

**CONCLUSION:** The three disciples saw Jesus in his eternal glory. Moses and Elijah represented the law and the prophets of the Jewish religion. God wanted people to listen to His Son Jesus. Moses and Elijah knew about the coming death of Jesus. They talked it over with Jesus. Perhaps they were strengthening him for the future trial. We need to encourage one another about the future too. We should always be willing to help one another.

**PRAYER:** Help me Lord to always listen to Jesus and obey him. Don't let me be distracted by other teaching but trust your Word alone. AMEN.

## JESUS HEALS A BOY WITH AN EVIL SPIRIT

### Luke 9:37-45

**INTRODUCTION:** Jesus showed his power over evil when he healed. Jesus looks for faith in the lives of his disciples. He is disappointed when his followers do not have faith in him.

**PRAY:** Ask God to protect you as you study about the power of evil.

**READ:** Luke 9:37-45

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:** What kind of power did Jesus show to the people? (vs. 42)

1. Who met Jesus? (vs. 37)
2. Who called out to Jesus from the crowd? (vs. 38)
3. What was the man's greatest problem? (vss. 38, 39)
4. How did the evil spirit attack the man's son? (vs. 39)
5. Why was Jesus frustrated with everyone? (vs. 41)
6. What happened as the boy was being brought to Jesus? (vs. 42)
7. What did Jesus do next? (vs. 42)
8. How did everyone react to the miracle? (vs. 43)
9. What special teaching did Jesus then give to his disciples? (vs. 44)
10. Why did they not understand what Jesus was saying to them? (vs. 45)

**CONCLUSION:** Jesus is powerful over evil spirits. Sometimes his disciples were powerless to help other people. Jesus wants to see faith in him as the Son of God. He was hurt by the lack of faith in who he was. He began to teach them about his coming death. The disciples were unable to understand him. He must have felt lonely at times like these. He understands our loneliness.

**PRAYER:** Jesus, help me to believe you are who you say you are. I need your power, forgiveness and strength over the evil in my life. I want to honour you. Help me please. Amen.

## WHO WILL BE THE GREATEST?

### Luke 9:46-48

**INTRODUCTION:** Jesus knows the thoughts of people. He cares about everyone. He despises pride in people. He does not want his followers to seek status in the kingdom.

**PRAY:** Ask God to look into your heart today and help you as you study this short reading.

**READ:** Luke 9: 46-48

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:** Who did Jesus represent while he was on earth? (vs. 48)

1. What were the disciples arguing about? (vs. 46)
2. Why did Jesus place the little child beside him? (vs. 47)
3. Why do you think Jesus likes children?
4. Who do we really welcome into our lives when we welcome a child in the name of Jesus? (vs. 48)
5. Who do we really welcome into our lives when we welcome Jesus? (vs. 48)
6. Who really is the greatest? (vs. 48)
7. What does this teach us about being proud and wanting status for ourselves?

**CONCLUSION:** Jesus knows our thoughts. He also knows our good motives and understands how we feel. Jesus is the greatest person. We must trust and worship him and not ourselves or any other person. He teaches us to behave in a humble way. He also teaches us that children are important to him and we should treat them well.

**PRAYER:** Jesus, please help me to live my life in a humble way and not think myself better than other people. Help me to respect all people including little children. Amen.

## JESUS SENDS OUT THE 72 DISCIPLES

### Luke 10:1-12

**INTRODUCTION:** God cares about people who do not know him yet. He wants all people to know about him. Jesus uses ordinary people to tell others about him.

**PRAY:** Ask God to help you learn from what you study.

**READ:** Luke 10:1-12

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:** Who did the 72 disciples represent when they were sent out? (vs. 1)

1. How many disciples did Jesus send out to preach and heal? (vs. 1)
2. How many disciples went together? (vs. 2)
3. What was the spiritual harvest like? (vs. 2)
4. Who can be asked to send out more workers? (vs. 2)
5. How were the Christian workers to behave? (vs. 3)
6. What things were the workers not expected to take with them? (vs. 4)
7. Why should Christian workers accept hospitality from those they serve? (vs. 7)
8. What blessings were the workers to give to those who welcomed them? (vs. 8, 9)
9. What special message were the workers to give those who welcomed them? (vs. 9)
10. What actions and message was for those who did not welcome the workers? (vs. 11, 12)

**CONCLUSION:** God considers that his workers should receive fair wages. He expects those who are served to pay his workers. He longs for people to hear and respond to his message of hope, healing and salvation. God does not tolerate rejection. He does not tolerate rejection of his servants either. God is holy.

**PRAYER:** Lord, help me to serve you. Help me to tell others about you. May I live a godly life before the people I serve with courage and authority. Amen.

## JOY IN SERVING JESUS

### Luke 10:16-20

**INTRODUCTION:** We can have joy in serving God. We can be sure we can be safe from Satan. God is more powerful than Satan.

**PRAY:** Ask God to help you understand what you read today and to protect you from evil.

**READ:** Luke 10:16-20

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:** What should be the thing we most rejoice in? (vs. 20)

1. Who does the Christian worker represent? (vs. 16)
2. Who are people really rejecting when they reject a Christian? (vs. 16)
3. How did the 72 workers feel when they returned to Jesus? (vs. 17)
4. What was the main source of their joy at this time? (vs. 17)
5. Who was humbled when the workers cast out demons? (vs. 18)
6. Whose authority did Jesus give to the workers? (vs. 19)
7. What things were the workers given authority to do in the name of Jesus? (vs. 19)
8. What promise of protection did Jesus give his workers? (vs. 19)
9. What does Jesus count of even more importance even than the power over evil? (vs. 20)
10. Is your name written in heaven because you believe in Jesus?

**CONCLUSION:** God does not accept rejection by people of his Son or his servants. He longs for all people to be free from evil. He is pleased when Satan is defeated. Jesus gives his people authority over evil. He protects them from danger. Jesus does not want us to rejoice in what we do for him. Jesus wants us to rejoice in the fact that we belong to God.

**PRAYER:** Thank you God for saving me from the result of evil and sin in my life. Help me to use your authority over evil and not to be afraid. Use me to tell other people about your salvation, power and mercy. Amen.

## THE PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

### Luke 10:25-37

**INTRODUCTION:** Jesus wants to change our attitudes towards other people. He expects us to live different lives from those who do not love him. God does not tolerate hypocrites.

**PRAY:** Ask God to change you as you study today.

**READ:** Luke 10: 25-37

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:** What choice did the lawyer have when he was challenged by Jesus? (vs. 37)

1. What question did the lawyer ask Jesus? (vs. 25)
2. How did the expert in the law summarise the law? (vs. 27)
3. What did Jesus reply to this good answer? (vs. 28)
4. What question did he then ask Jesus? (vs. 29)
5. How did Jesus respond to his question? (vs. 30)
6. What happened to the Jew on his journey? (vs. 30)
7. What did the priest do? (vs. 31)
8. Who else ignored the injured man? (vs. 32)
9. What did the Samaritan do for the man? (vs. 34)
10. How does Jesus expect a neighbour to behave? (vs. 37)

**CONCLUSION:** Jesus loved people. He wants us to treat all people with respect, love and mercy even if they do not belong to our group. Jesus recognises hypocrites. We must love others even if they live differently from us or believe something different. Jesus loves everyone and wants us to show this.

**PRAYER:** Jesus, help me to love people who are not easy to love. I need to live like you. Help me never to ignore a person in need. Amen

## JESUS TEACHES ABOUT PRAYER

### Luke 11:1-4

**INTRODUCTION:** God wants to have a relationship with us. God answers prayer. He wants to bless those who love him. Prayer is affected by sin.

**PRAY:** Ask God to teach you new things about prayer.

**READ:** Luke 11:1-4: THE LORD'S PRAYER

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:** What relationship can we have with God? (vs. 2)

1. Who asked Jesus to teach about prayer? (vs. 1)
2. Who also taught his disciples about prayer? (vs. 1)
3. How is God's name described? (vs. 2)
4. What should we pray about God's kingdom? (vs. 2)
5. What are the three main things we can ask from our Father God for ourselves? (vss. 3, 4)
6. What should we do if we want our own sins forgiven? (vs. 4)

**READ:** Luke 11:5-13 A PARABLE OF PERSISTENT PRAYER

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:** What kind of prayer does God delight to answer? (vss. 8, 9,)

1. What time did the friend come to the house? (vs. 5)
2. What did the friend want? (vs. 5)
3. Why did the friend come at midnight? (vs. 6)
4. How did the man woken up react to this midnight caller? (vs. 7)
5. Why did he eventually get up and help his friend? (vs. 8)
6. What three things should we keep doing when praying? (vs. 9)
7. What happens when we 'ask', 'seek' and 'knock' in prayer? (vs. 10)
8. Would our earthly father give us good or bad things when we ask him? (vs. 11, 12)
9. Who does our heavenly Father give to us when we ask him? (vs. 13)

**CONCLUSION:** God wants to bless us. He wants to fill us with his Holy Spirit. He wants to forgive our sins. God uses our persistent prayer as the means of blessing, forgiving and caring for us. We have a responsibility to forgive other people. God's name is honoured and his kingdom is spread when we pray to him.

**PRAYER:** Heavenly Father, thank you for all you do for us when you answer our prayers. Keep us safe. Let us know that you will always be there for us. Use us Lord to tell others about your wonderful power and kindness. Amen.

## JESUS AND BEELZEBUB

### Luke 11:14-26

**INTRODUCTION:** Satan sent evil spirits into people. Jesus has power over Satan and all his evil. We need to be filled with the Holy Spirit to live like Jesus.

**PRAY:** Ask God to protect you as you study about Satan.

**READ:** Luke 11:14-26

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:** In what way does Jesus show his divinity besides the miracle and teaching? (vs. 17)

1. How did the demon affect the man he was in? (vs. 14)
2. What happened to the man when Jesus drove the demon out of him? (vs. 14)
3. What happens to a family or a kingdom which is divided against itself? (vs. 17)
4. What would happen if Satan was divided against himself? (vs. 18)
5. How did Jesus drive out demons? (vs. 20)
6. What was the result of Jesus driving out the demon? (vs. 20)
7. What happens when a strong man guards his own house? (vs. 21)
8. What happens if a stronger man attacks his house? (vs. 22)
9. What happens when an evil spirit leaves a person? (vs. 24)
10. What happens if an evil spirit returns to someone who is not filled with the Holy Spirit? (vs. 26)

**CONCLUSION:** Satan can send evil spirits into people but Jesus is more powerful. Jesus has authority over Satan. Jesus gives his authority to his followers. We are free from the power of Satan when we are filled with the Holy Spirit. Jesus is the strongest of all. Jesus is Lord over all.

**PRAYER:** Lord Jesus, I know you are stronger than Satan and all his evil ways. You are stronger than the evil people Satan uses to frighten me or try to make me do evil. Fill me afresh with your Holy Spirit so that I able to withstand all Satan's attacks. Amen.

## WARNINGS AND ENCOURAGEMENTS

### Luke 12:4-12

**INTRODUCTION:** God has authority. He loves and cares for us. God values everything he created. He also expects us to witness to our faith in him.

**PRAY:** Ask God to help you understand what you study.

**READ:** Luke 12:4-12

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:** Where can God send us if we refuse to believe in Jesus? (vs. 5)

1. Who was Jesus speaking to? (vs. 4)
2. Who should we not be afraid of? (vs. 4)
3. Who should we be afraid of? (vs. 5)
4. Who is forgotten by God? (vs. 6)
5. What is special about the hairs of our heads? (vs. 7)
6. What is our worth? (vs. 7)
7. What happens if we acknowledge Jesus? (vs. 8)
8. What happens if we disown Jesus? (vs. 9)
9. What is the unforgivable sin? (vs. 10)
10. Who is our greatest Teacher? (vs. 12)

**CONCLUSION:** God has the authority and power to send us to hell. He loves and cares for each of us. He longs for us to acknowledge His Son Jesus. When we do acknowledge Jesus God gives us all the security we need. He knows everything about us. He considers us of great worth. We have a responsibility to honour Jesus. We must also honour the Holy Spirit who is our teacher. We must never blaspheme against the Holy Spirit.

**PRAYER:** Father in heaven, thank you for loving me and saving me from hell. Thank you for forgiving all my sin. Please Holy Spirit, teach me all I need to know about Jesus. Give me courage to share everything I know about Jesus with other people. Amen.

## THE PARABLE OF THE RICH FOOL

### Luke 12:13-21

**INTRODUCTION:** God does not want us to only think about ourselves. We need to think about our eternal future as well as our present situation. God hates us to behave in a selfish way.

**PRAY:** Ask God to help you understand what you read.

**READ:** Luke 12:13-21

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:** What kind of people are we if we refuse to obey God's words to us? (vs. 20)

1. What question was Jesus asked by the man in the crowd? (vs. 13)
2. What did Jesus warn against? (vs. 15)
3. What kind of a crop did the rich man produce in the story? (vs. 16)
4. What question did he ask himself? (vs. 17)
5. What did he decide to do to keep his crops stored? (vs. 18)
6. How did the man decide to live? (vs. 19)
7. What did God call the rich man? (vs. 20)
8. Who is in control of our destiny? (vs. 20)
9. Why had the rich man not prepared for his eternal destiny? (vs. 21)
10. Who had the rich man ignored while he was getting rich and hoarding things? (vs. 21)

**CONCLUSION:** Greed can destroy us. We spoil our relationship with God if we go on being selfish. We must not concentrate only on our possessions. We must make sure we prepare for life in heaven with God. We never know when we will die. God is in control of our lives. We can trust Jesus to forgive our sins. We can love and serve him. We can be sure of our salvation as we experience the Holy Spirit in our lives.

**PRAYER:** Lord Jesus thank you for dying for me and saving me from my sins. Thank you for bringing me into a good relationship with God the Father in heaven. Help me to focus on your kingdom and not on my own selfish desires. Amen.

## DO NOT WORRY

### Luke 12:22-31

**INTRODUCTION:** Jesus tells us not to worry about what we cannot change. God provides for our needs. God's kingdom should be our first priority

**PRAY:** Ask God to help you put what you learn into practice today.

**READ:** Luke 12:22-31

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:** What must be our priority in life when we are Christians? (vs. 31)

1. Who did Jesus tell not to worry? (vs. 22)
2. What things should we not worry about? (vs. 22)
3. How valuable are you to God who bothers even with birds? (vs. 24)
4. What has even greater beauty than King Solomon? (vs. 27)
5. Why should we have faith that God will take care of our earthly needs? (vs. 28)
6. What do we need more of all the time? (vs. 28)
7. What should we avoid setting our hearts on? (vs. 29)
8. Who worries only about earthly, practical things? (vs. 30)
9. Who knows all we need? (vs. 30)
10. What happens when we put God and His Kingdom first in our lives? (vs. 31)

**CONCLUSION:** God does not want us to care only for the practical problems of life. God Himself wants to be our priority. God wants us to serve His kingdom. He wants us trust him for all our needs. We are of great importance to God. God does not want us to ignore our practical needs but to trust him for them.

**PRAYER:** Lord Jesus, I thank you for reminding me that I am more important than birds or flowers. Thank you for your great love and care for me as an individual. Help me to make loving and serving you my greatest priority in life. Help me to stop worrying about things which are not so important. Amen.

## A CRIPPLED WOMAN HEALED ON THE SABBATH DAY

### Luke 13:10-17

**INTRODUCTION:** Satan can cause illness. Jesus regards people as more important than rules. Jesus has power over Satan. He loves to bless.

**PRAY:** Ask God to help you learn from what you study today.

**READ:** Luke 13:10-17

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:** Who is responsible for sickness and sin? (vs. 16)

1. What day was Jesus teaching in one of the synagogues? (vs. 10)
2. What had caused her illness? (vs. 11)
3. What was her problem? (vs. 11)
4. What did Jesus ask the woman to do? (vs. 12)
5. What did Jesus say to the woman? (vs. 12)
6. What happened when he laid his hands on her? (vs. 13)
7. What was the response of the woman when she knew she was healed? (vs. 13)
8. Why was the ruler of the synagogue angry with Jesus? (vs. 14)
9. Who is the more powerful, Satan or Jesus? (vs. 16)
10. How did the people watching and listening respond? (vs. 17)

**CONCLUSION:** He wants us to do good to everyone whenever we can. He does not want us to pretend to do good and honour God only on 'holy days'. Jesus considers a human being more important than rules made up by man. Jesus desires us to praise God when we know his healing and mercy. He wants our obedience to his commands to us. Jesus is Lord and is more powerful than Satan.

**PRAYER:** Thank you Lord Jesus for showing me that you consider each person as important. You heal me and give me hope. I praise you for all your powerful care for me. Teach me never to be a hypocrite. Teach me to be obedient to you when you ask me to do something Amen

## JESUS AT A PHARISEE'S HOUSE

### Luke 14:1-6

**INTRODUCTION:** The Pharisees were not usually friends with Jesus. Jesus is concerned about our sicknesses. Jesus wants us to care for other people. Jesus is not threatened by opposition.

**PRAY:** Ask God to help you understand what you study.

**READ:** Luke 14:1-6

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:** How did Jesus challenge the Pharisees' hypocrisy about working on the Sabbath? (vs. 4)

1. When did Jesus go to visit the Pharisee? (vs. 1)
2. What was happening to Jesus during his visit? (vs. 1)
3. What was the matter with the man in front of Jesus? (vs. 2)
4. What did Jesus ask the Pharisees and experts in the law? (vs. 3)
5. How did these people respond to the question of Jesus? (vs. 4)
6. What did Jesus do to the man with dropsy? (vs. 4)
7. What did Jesus ask the Pharisees and experts after this miracle? (vs. 5)
8. How did the men respond this time? (vs. 6)

**CONCLUSION:** This miracle was another example of the attitude of Jesus to hypocrisy. Jesus longed for the people to understand God's standards for the Sabbath. Jesus was unafraid of the anger of the Pharisees. He wants us to do what God requires and not what man demands in place of God's holy laws.

**PRAYER:** Dear Father, help me to understand and obey your law. Help me always to show love and concern for people in need. Keep me from being a hypocrite and doing things only when it suits me. Amen.

## THE COST OF BEING A DISCIPLE

### Luke 14:25-27

**INTRODUCTION:** It is not an easy thing to follow Jesus. Jesus expects to be loved before everyone else in our lives. We need to count the cost of being a follower of Jesus.

**PRAY:** Ask God to help you put into practice what you study.

**READ:** Luke 14:25-27

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:** Have you counted the cost of being a disciple of Jesus?

1. Who were travelling with Jesus? (vs. 25)
2. Who and what are to appear hated when compared with loving and following Jesus? (vs. 26)
3. What happens if we love others more than we love Jesus? (vs. 26)
4. What happens to those who are not prepared to carry the costly cross of following Jesus? (vs. 27)

**CONCLUSION:** These are some of the most severe words Jesus ever spoke. He wanted people to know that to be his follower is not always easy. All normal love relationships will appear as hatred compared with loving and serving Jesus. He did not expect his followers to hate others only to love him so much more that it is all consuming.

**PRAYER:** Lord, these are difficult things to understand and to apply. Help me love you to the extent you want me to and to put you first in my life. My life must be different, help me Lord. Amen.

## THREE LOST AND FOUND STORIES JESUS TOLD

### Luke 15:1-32

**INTRODUCTION:** Jesus told stories (parables) to help people understand his teaching. He wanted people who did wrong things to know that God loved them. God always accepts people who come to him for forgiveness. God is like a loving father towards people who come to him.

**PRAY:** Ask God to help you learn about him as you study.

**READ:** Luke 15:1-32

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:** What gives God and all those in heaven great joy? (vs. 24)

1. Why did the Pharisees and scribes complain? (vs. 2)
2. Why did the shepherd in the story rejoice? (vs. 6)
3. How did the woman find her lost coin? (vs. 8)
4. How did the younger son treat his inheritance? (vs. 13)
5. What did the younger realise when he was destitute? (vss. 17-19)
6. What had the father been doing before the son returned? (vs. 20)
7. What did the father first do when he reached his son? (vs. 22)
8. How did the father show that he loved and forgave his son? (vss. 22-24)
9. Who was angry and jealous? (vs. 28)
10. How did the father respond to his elder son's anger? (vss. 31-32)

**CONCLUSION:** God wants people to know him and love him. He forgives anyone who comes to him and asks for forgiveness. A person becomes unhappy in his spirit when he rejects or ignores God. It is always possible to return to God. He never stops loving us and longs for us to be close to him.

**PRAYER:** Father God, thank you for loving me all the time. Thank you for taking me back when I sin and ask forgiveness. Amen.

## THE RICH MAN AND LAZARUS

### Luke 16:19-33

**INTRODUCTION:** Jesus talks about a rich a man and a poor man. Both men died. Jesus describes their situations after death. The Hebrew Scriptures (the Old Testament) teaches the truth about God and should lead people to ask for forgiveness.

**PRAY:** Ask God to help you understand what you study.

**READ:** Luke 16:19-33.

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:** How will people who do not want to believe God respond to the resurrection? (vs. 31)

1. How did the rich man live? (vs. 19)
2. How did Lazarus live? (vs. 21)
3. Where did Lazarus go when he died? (vs. 22)
4. Where did the rich man go when he died? (vs. 23)
5. Who was with Lazarus? (vs. 24)
6. What did the rich man want Lazarus to do for him? (vs. 24)
7. What was the purpose of the chasm between Lazarus and the rich man? (vs. 26)
8. What did the rich man want Lazarus to do for him? (vvs. 27, 28)
9. Who should people listen to know about God? (vs. 29)
10. Why will some people not even believe the miracle of resurrection? (vs. 33)

**CONCLUSION:** Jesus told the people about the two men who died. He contrasted what happened to the two men after death. The rich man had no further opportunity to find the way to God. He could not help his brothers to avoid Hades. Lazarus could not help the rich man's brothers. There was no hope after death. God has provided the Scriptures to show people the way. People will not believe if they do not want to.

**PRAYER:** Dear Father, thank you for helping me learn about you before I die. Help me tell other people about you. Amen.

## THE TEN MEN HEALED OF LEPROSY

### Luke 17:11-19

**INTRODUCTION:** Jesus heals diseases. He wants people to come to him for help. We need faith in our lives. Jesus will give blessing to those who love and obey him.

**PRAY:** Ask God to help you understand what you study.

**READ:** Luke 17:11-19

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:** What should we respond to the activity of Jesus in our lives? (vs. 16)

1. How many men with leprosy met him in the village? (vs. 12)
2. Where did they stand? (vs. 12)
3. What did they cry out to Jesus? (vs. 13)
4. What did Jesus command them to do? (vs. 14)
5. What happened when they obeyed Jesus? (vs. 14)
6. How many of the healed men came back? (vs. 15)
7. What did the man do? (vs. 15, 16)
8. What was the nationality of the healed man? (vs. 16)
9. What did Jesus command the Samaritan to do next? (vs. 17)
10. What did the man have which pleased Jesus? (vs. 17)

**CONCLUSION:** Jesus is full of mercy towards those who are sick and needy. He respects the faith of people but expects them to acknowledge him. Jesus also expects obedience to what he tells us to do. Blessing follows obedience. The Samaritan man honoured Jesus and Jesus accepted him. Jesus wants us to have thankful as well as obedient hearts.

**PRAYER:** Thank you Lord Jesus for all the wonderful things you do for me. Help me to honour you in all I do. Teach me to be obedient when you ask me to do something. I praise God for sending you to be my Saviour. Amen.

## THE PARABLE OF THE PERSISTENT WIDOW

### Luke 18:1-8

**INTRODUCTION:** God will respond when we pray. He wants us to be persistent and full of trust.

**PRAY:** Ask God to teach you more about prayer as you study today.

**READ:** Luke 18:1-8

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:** How can we overcome our feeling of despair in times of trouble? (vs. 1)

1. Why did Jesus tell his disciples this parable? (vs. 1)
2. What was so wrong with the judge's attitude? (vs. 2)
3. Who kept coming to the judge? (vs. 3)
4. What did the widow want from the judge? (vs. 3)
5. Why did the judge give the widow justice in the end? (vs. 5)
6. How did Jesus describe the judge? (vs. 6)
7. Who truly cares about justice for his people? (vs. 7)
8. How should we pray when we are in trouble? (vs. 7)
9. How does God show greater mercy than the unjust judge in the story? (vs. 8)
10. What was Jesus looking for during his time on earth? (vs. 8)

**CONCLUSION:** Jesus desires to see us show faith in him. He taught that we should trust God with our troubles. He wants us to keep on praying to God until He answers us. God wants to answer our prayers. God is never unjust. God always hears our prayers. We show faith in God when we pray.

**PRAYER:** Father God, thank you that you always hear me when I pray to you. Thank you that you want to help me. Please give me more faith to trust you and keep on turning to you when I am in trouble. Amen.

## PARABLE OF THE PHARISEE AND THE TAX COLLECTOR

### Luke 18:9-14

**INTRODUCTION:** Jesus did not like pride and self-righteousness in a person. God will justify only those who are humble and repent of their wrongdoing.

**PRAY:** Ask the Lord to help you understand the study today.

**READ:** Luke 18:9-14

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:** How does God treat sinners who are sorry for their sins? (vs. 14)

1. What kind of people was Jesus telling this story to? (vs. 9)
2. Which two men went to the temple to pray? (vs. 10)
3. What did the Pharisee think about himself? (vs. 11)
4. What things did the Pharisee do? (vs. 12)
5. Where was the tax collector? (vs. 13)
6. How did the tax collector feel about himself? (vs. 13)
7. What did he ask God for? (vs. 13)
8. Which man was justified before God? (vs. 14)
9. What happens to a person who exalts himself? (vs. 14)
10. What happens to a person who humbles himself before God? (vs. 14)

**CONCLUSION:** Jesus hated hypocrisy and pride. He taught about self-righteousness and humility. He met the needs of people who were sorry for their wrongdoings and wanted to be forgiven. Levi showed his joy in knowing Jesus by sharing his good news with his friends and fellow workers at a feast. It is good for us to also share with others what we have experienced with Jesus. All people need to know about Jesus, even people who have done great wrong and who are despised by our society.

**PRAYER:** Father, help me to have the courage to share your love with everyone I know. Help me to find ways to reach out to the unreachable of my world. Perhaps I am the only one who can tell them about you. AMEN.

## JESUS AND THE CHILDREN

### Luke 18:15-17

**INTRODUCTION:** Jesus loved children and wanted to bless them. Jesus wanted the members of his kingdom to behave kindly towards children. He also wants people to have simple faith in God.

**PRAY:** Ask God to help you learn from this lovely passage.

**READ:** Luke 18:15-17

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:** What does Jesus love about children? (vs. 17)

1. Who were people bringing to Jesus? (vs. 15)
2. What did the parents want Jesus to do for the babies? (vs. 15)
3. What did the disciples do to the parents? (vs. 15)
4. What did Jesus do about the babies and children? (vs. 16)
5. How should we behave towards little children? (vs. 16)
6. How should people behave who belong to the Kingdom of God? (vs. 16)
7. How should we receive the Kingdom of God? (vs. 17)

**CONCLUSION:** Jesus wanted the children to know and love him. He wanted to bless them. He rebukes any who consider that children are unimportant. Jesus makes a child an example of how a true believer receives the gospel with a childlike faith in him. A child rarely doubts what is told him and we too should not doubt God's word to us.

**PRAYER:** Father thank you that you love little children and that you delight in their simple faith. Help me to always believe what you say and build my life upon your words of truth. AMEN.

## THE RICH RULER

### Luke 18:18-30

**INTRODUCTION:** Jesus does have requirements for us to be his followers. God's commandments still need obeying. Money should never be the most important factor in our life. Following Jesus is not an easy thing.

**PRAY:** Ask God to help you as you study.

**READ:** Luke 18:18-30

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:** What is the cost of following Jesus? (vs. 29)

1. What did the ruler want to know? (vs. 18)
2. Who did Jesus say was good? (vs. 19)
3. Which commandments did Jesus ask the ruler about? (vs. 20)
4. What further thing was necessary for the ruler to do? (vs. 22)
5. How did the ruler feel when he was asked to give up his riches to follow Jesus? (vs. 23)
6. How difficult is for someone with great riches to become a Christian? (vs. 23)
7. What question did the disciples ask in bewilderment? (vs. 26)
8. How much had the disciples given up to follow Jesus? (vs. 28)
9. What does God give in this life in response to a person's sacrifice in giving up things for him? (vs. 30)
10. What extra special eternal thing does God give to a person who loves and serves him? (vs. 30)

**CONCLUSION:** God has high and difficult standards for his servants. We must always put God first in our lives. It is exciting to know that God is the God of the impossible. We need not fear the future with God. Anything we give up is sure to be returned to us in greater measure. God grants us the gift of eternal life when we follow Jesus. God wants us to obey his commandments. He also wants us to put his will first before our own desires for money and comfortable living.

**PRAYER:** Father, help me to always put you first in my life and service. Help me to desire your will above everything else in my life. Amen.

## THE BLIND BEGGAR HEALED

### Luke 18:35-43

**INTRODUCTION:** Jesus cares about those who are beggars. He longs to heal and help. We need to persevere if we are to follow Jesus. We have responsibilities when we follow Jesus.

**PRAY:** Ask God to help you learn from today's study.

**READ:** Luke 18:35-43

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:** What can be the result of witnessing to the work of Jesus in our lives? (vs. 43)

1. What was the blind man doing by the side of the road? (vs. 35)
2. What did the crowd tell the blind man? (vs. 37)
3. What did the blind man call out when he heard Jesus was passing by? (vs. 38)
4. What did some of the people say to him? (vs. 39)
5. How did the blind man respond to their rebuke? (vs. 39)
6. What did Jesus ask the man? (vs. 41)
7. How did the man reply? (vs. 41)
8. What did Jesus say had healed the man? (vs. 42)
9. What did the man do after Jesus had healed him? (vs. 43)
10. What did the people do when they saw the man had been healed? (vs. 43)

**CONCLUSION:** People praised God when they saw the miracle Jesus performed. The man was full of praise. The people were amazed. Faith in Jesus is what is needed for healing. The man was not put off by the people but persisted in calling to Jesus until Jesus heard and responded. We too can be persistent in prayer and enjoy God's blessing.

**PRAYER:** Lord, thank you for answering me when I pray to you for help. Thank you for your love which gives me hope. I praise you for the good things you do for me. AMEN.

## JESUS CHANGES ZACCHAEUS

### Luke 19:1-9

**INTRODUCTION:** Jesus cares about the outcasts in our society. We are to live honestly. We are to be generous with our wealth. We can even make a fool of ourselves in order to know Jesus better.

**PRAY:** Ask God to show you new insights as you study today.

**READ:** Luke 19:1-9

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:** In what way was Zacchaeus lost before he met Jesus? (vs. 2, 10)

1. What job did Zacchaeus have? (vs. 2)
2. Why could he not see Jesus when he wanted to? (vs. 3)
3. What did he do in order to see Jesus? (vs. 4)
4. What did Jesus say when he saw Zacchaeus up the tree? (vs. 5)
5. How did Zacchaeus react to Jesus told him he would be staying at his home ? (vs. 6)
6. What did the people mutter about this? (vs. 7)
7. What title of faith did Zacchaeus give Jesus? (vs. 8)
8. What did Zacchaeus do to show his repentance and love for Jesus? (vs. 8)
9. What did Jesus say had come to the home of Zacchaeus that day? (vs. 9)
10. Why did Jesus come into the world? (vs. 10)

**CONCLUSION:** It is good to do anything to get to know Jesus. He loves fun things like Zacchaeus up a tree! Zacchaeus found that his life was changed forever when he met Jesus. He showed his change of heart by his change of attitude towards his wealth and the people he had robbed. Jesus declared that his reason for coming into the world was to seek and to save the lost.

**PRAYER:** Lord Jesus, thank you for saving me when I was lost in sin. Thank you that you have changed my life. Help me to live my life in a holy way. AMEN.

## THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM

### Luke 19:28-44

**INTRODUCTION:** Jesus enjoyed the adoration of his disciples and the people as he went towards Jerusalem. He cares if he is rejected. The Jewish leaders refused to accept who Jesus was.

**PRAY:** Ask God to help you learn from today's study.

**READ:** Luke 19:28-44

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:** What are the eternal results of the coming of Jesus? (vs. 38)

1. Where was Jesus going? (vs. 28)
2. What were the disciples to find as they entered the village? (vs. 30)
3. What happened which proved that Jesus knew everything that was going to happen? (vs. 32)
4. What did the people do as Jesus travelled along on the colt? (vs. 36)
5. Why did all the disciples praise God? (vs. 37)
6. In whose name did Jesus the King come to Jerusalem? (vs. 38)
7. Which people were angry at what was happening to Jesus? (vs. 39)
8. What did Jesus tell them would praise God if his disciples didn't? (vs. 40)
9. Why did Jesus weep over the people of Jerusalem? (vs. 42)
10. What terrible things were to happen to Jerusalem and its people? (vs. 43, 44)

**CONCLUSION:** People had different reactions when they met Jesus. His love was shown to all. He wept over those who rejected him. He rejoiced over those who loved and praised him. Jesus really did know everything that would happen. We can trust him to do what is right in our lives because he knows everything about us. People who deliberately reject Jesus will eventually suffer punishment. If we love Jesus we must praise him even when other people think we shouldn't.

**PRAYER:** Lord Jesus, help me to praise you no matter what other people think about me. It is not always easy to stand up for you in front of others. Please give me the courage. Help me to tell other people about your salvation. Amen.

## JESUS APPROACHES JERUSALEM AND VISITS THE TEMPLE

### Luke 19:45-48

**INTRODUCTION:** God cares about the Jews. Jesus showed strong emotion. We sometimes have to stand up against wrong in society. It can have dangerous consequences. Jesus knew about the future. Prayer plays a significant place in the life of a Christian.

**PRAY:** Ask God to help you understand today's study.

**READ:** Luke 19:45-48

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:** What is a major priority for God's people? (vs. 46)

1. What happened when Jesus approached the city of Jerusalem? (vs. 45)
2. Why would the people of Jerusalem not experience peace? (vs. 44)
3. Why do you think Jesus wept over the people of Jerusalem?
4. Where did Jesus go first in Jerusalem? (vs. 46)
5. What did Jesus do when he entered the temple? (vs. 45)
6. What did Jesus say his temple was intended for? (vs. 46)
7. What had the people made the temple? (vs. 46)
8. What did Jesus do in the temple each day? (vs. 47)
9. Who were trying to kill Jesus at this time? (vs. 47)
10. Why could the leaders not kill Jesus at this time? (vs. 48)

**CONCLUSION:** God is filled with compassionate anguish towards the people of Israel. Jesus expressed his sorrow as he approached Jerusalem. God had sent many prophets to guide the Jews back to himself. Most Jews had refused to return. Now he had sent his son Jesus and still the leaders refused him. The temple was to be God's special place of communication and teaching. The people had changed the temple into a place of moneymaking. Jesus showed the righteous anger of God against sin. The leaders now wanted to kill him and began plotting against him. He stood against the evil of his society. This indirectly caused his death.

**PRAYER:** Father, forgive the pride that stops me doing the things I know are right. Sometimes Father I do not put your son Jesus in the centre of my life. May prayer be an important part of my life now. AMEN.

## THE STORY OF THE VINEYARD WORKERS

### LUKE 20:9-19

**INTRODUCTION:** The scribes and chief priests and Pharisees rejected Jesus from the beginning. They refused to believe he was God's eternal Son. They would not listen to what he had to say. Jesus told this story to show them the consequences of their rejection of him.

**PRAY:** Ask God to help you learn the lessons from this story

**READ:** Luke 20:9-19

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:** What did the Scribes, Pharisees and chief priest realise and fear about Jesus? (vs. 13)

1. Why did the owner leave the tenants and went away for a long time? (vs. 9)
2. What happened after the harvest time? (vs. 10)
3. Why did he finally send his beloved son to the tenants? (vs. 12, 13)
4. Why did the tenants kill the son? (vs. 14)
5. What did the owner do to the murdering tenants? (vs. 16)
6. How did the hearers respond to this story? (vs. 16)
7. What happens to the stone rejected by the builders? (vs. 17)
8. What will happen to those who fall against the stone? (vs.18)
9. What did the scribes and chief priests want to do to Jesus? (vs. 19)
10. Why did they not arrest Jesus at that time? (vs. 19)

**CONCLUSION:** Jesus was unafraid of the religious leaders. He knew from the beginning that they did not love God and hated him. They wanted to kill him. They could not because they were afraid the people would cause trouble. Jesus had God's protection all the time and was in control of his life. He knew there will be punishment for those who hate God and reject him.

**PRAYER:** Dear Father God, I do acknowledge Jesus as your Son. I put my trust in him for forgiveness and peace. Help me to serve you faithfully. Amen.

## THE WIDOW'S OFFERING

### LUKE 21:1-4

**INTRODUCTION:** God desires our sacrificial giving to him. God knows what is in our hearts. He understands when we have very little but love him very much.

**PRAY:** Ask God to help you understand the study today.

**READ:** Luke 21:1-4

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:** What concerns God most? What we give or what we have left after we have given?

1. What did Jesus see people doing as he was in the temple? (vs. 1)
2. What did the poor widow put into the treasury? (vs. 2)
3. What did Jesus say about her offering?
4. How did the wealthy people give to God? (vs. 4)
5. How did the widow give to God? (vs. 4)
6. How much did the widow have left after she had given to God? (vs. 4)

**CONCLUSION:** Jesus was aware of everything that happened around him. He also understood the reason why people did things. The sacrifice of love which the widow gave meant more to him than the greater amount of money the richer people gave. He knows when we sacrifice something for him. He will honour us when we sacrifice for his sake. What we give God is often an expression of how much we love God.

**PRAYER:** Thank you Jesus for always knowing what is in my heart. I am so glad that you understand when what I give you seems only a little and you know that I love you. Help me to give to you with a loving and sacrificial heart. Help me trust you when I have very little. Amen.

## THE SIGNS OF THE END OF THE AGE

### Luke 21:5-28

**INTRODUCTION:** God intends to judge people. We can receive help when we face persecution. Jesus will come again. There are many signs of the end of the age.

**PRAY:** Ask God to help you learn important truths as you study.

**READ:** Luke 21:5-28

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:** Why did Jesus give all these signs? (vs. 28)

1. What were the disciples talking about? (vs. 5)
2. What kind of things will happen before the end of the age? (vss. 9-11)
3. What was to happen to the disciples themselves? (vs. 12)
4. What was to be the result of the persecution of the disciples? (vs. 13)
5. What did Jesus promise the disciples? (vs. 15)
6. What is the result of standing firm for Jesus in the face of persecution? (vs. 19)
7. Why is Jerusalem to be attacked and defeated? (vs. 22)
8. Name two things which will happen to the people during the coming invasion? (vs. 24)
9. What further signs of the end will come? (vss. 23-26)
10. How will the Son of Man come? (vs. 27)

**CONCLUSION:** Judgment will come to the earth. From history we know that Jerusalem was attacked and the temple torn down just as Jesus predicted. He gives us these signs to watch for. The signs and their fulfillment confirm that he will come again. Jesus promises us that he will care for us. Jesus wants us to know that even if we are hated by people for his sake then we can still be secure in his love.

**PRAYER:** Dear Jesus, please keep me strong when people are against me. Help me to stand firm and confident in your power. Help me to lift my head high and be filled with courage whatever comes. Amen.

## THE PARABLE OF THE FIG TREE AND FURTHER TEACHING ABOUT THE END TIMES

### Luke 21:29-38

**INTRODUCTION:** Jesus expects us to be careful the way we live. He requires us to be holy. Jesus left signs so we can know when he is coming again. We should pray and prepare for the future.

**PRAY:** Ask God to help you understand these difficult passages.

**READ:** Luke 21:29-38

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:** Why is there a need for us to pray continually? (vs. 36)

1. What is the sign from nature that summer is near? (vs. 29)
2. What can we know when we see the signs of the end times? (vs. 31)
3. What two things will not pass away before these things happen? (vss. 32, 33)
4. What could happen if disciples are not careful? (vs. 34)
5. What two things are needed if we are to stand before the Son of Man? (vs. 36)
6. Where did Jesus spend the night after teaching in the temple each day? (vs. 38)

**CONCLUSION:** Jesus does teach us that we can know when the end of this age is near. He expects us to keep ourselves close to God. He also expects our behaviour to show that we trust in him. Jesus wants us to know that all he has said and taught will never pass away but stand for ever.

**PRAYER:** Lord Jesus, help me to stand firm for you. Help me live up to what I believe about you. Thank you for saving me from the punishment to come upon those who do not love and serve you. Amen

## JUDAS AGREES TO BETRAY JESUS

### Luke 22:1-6

**INTRODUCTION:** The Jewish leaders wanted to kill Jesus. Satan is alive and active in the world. Bad things happen when a person is demon-possessed.

**PRAY:** Ask God to help you as you study this sad passage today.

**READ:** Luke 22:1-6

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:** Who was really responsible for the betrayal and death of Jesus? (vs. 3)

1. What was the alternative name of the Feast of Unleavened Bread? (vs. 1)
2. Which two groups of people wanted to get rid of Jesus? (vs. 2)
3. Why did they want to get rid of Jesus? (vs. 2)
4. Who did Satan enter into? (vs. 3)
5. Who was Judas Iscariot? (vs. 3)
6. What did Judas discuss with the Chief Priests and officers? (vs. 4)
7. What did the chief priests and officers agree to give Judas? (vs. 5)
8. What opportunity did Judas watch out for? (vs. 6)

**CONCLUSION:** Judas was filled with greed once Satan entered him. He loved money more than Jesus even though he was a disciple. The chief priests were already looking for a way to kill Jesus. All the people concerned were cowards.

**PRAYER:** Lord Jesus, help me never to put money or gain of any sort before loving you. Help me to be strong in your strength and honour you with all that I am. AMEN.

## PREPARATION FOR THE PASSOVER

### Luke 22:7-13

**INTRODUCTION:** Jesus has prior knowledge about everyday things. We trust him to do what is right. Jesus usually keeps the future secret from us even though he knows everything.

**PRAY:** Ask God to show you something special from today's study.

**READ:** Luke 22:7-13

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:** What special virtue did the disciples show here which honoured Jesus? (vs. 13)

1. Which day did the Passover lamb have to be sacrificed? (vs. 7)
2. What did Jesus send Peter and John to do? (vs. 8)
3. What sign did the disciples have to show them where to prepare the Passover meal? (vs. 10)
4. What title did Jesus give himself at this time? (vs. 11)
5. What kind of guest room did the house owner have for Jesus and his disciples? (vs. 12)
6. How did the disciples know Jesus was speaking the truth? (vs. 13)
7. Can you give any reason why Jesus did not identify the place of the Passover meal before this time?

**CONCLUSION:** Jesus had already made his preparations for the Passover. He always knew what was going to happen. The disciples were obedient to Jesus. They found everything just as Jesus said they would. Jesus chose the day when the Passover Lamb was to be sacrificed to hold his Passover meal.

**PRAYER:** Lord, thank you that I can be sure that you know everything and that you want my good. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to obey you. I love you. AMEN.

## THE PASSOVER MEAL

### Luke 22:14-23

**INTRODUCTION:** Jesus knew he was going to suffer for our sin. Jesus established a significant ritual to remind the disciples of his coming sacrifice for them and for us.

**PRAY:** Ask God to help you understand the great significance of today's study.

**READ:** Luke 22:14-23

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:** Was Jesus ever surprised? (vs. 22)

1. What did Jesus want to do before he suffered? (vs. 15)
2. What would find its fulfillment in the Kingdom of God? (vs. 16)
3. What did Jesus ask the disciples to do with the cup? (vs. 17)
4. What did Jesus do with the bread? (vs. 19)
5. What did the bread represent? (vs. 19)
6. What did the wine represent? (vs. 20)
7. Why did Jesus pour out his blood (die)? (vs. 20)
8. What did Jesus say which proved he knew he would be betrayed? (vs. 21)
9. What was the betrayer heading for? (vs. 22)
10. What did the disciples do after Jesus had said he would be betrayed? (vs. 23)

**CONCLUSION:** Jesus used the Passover to institute his own memorial feast. He used the symbols of bread and wine to remind us of his death for us. His death made the forgiveness of our sins possible. This feast also reminds us that Jesus will be coming again. The death and resurrection of Jesus were foreordained. Jesus had to suffer the cruel death to satisfy God's requirements for punishing sin. Judas went to hell. Everyone who is forgiven goes to God in heaven.

**PRAYER:** Lord Jesus, you suffered on the cross to forgive my sins. I thank you. Help me not to sin but to live my life for your glory and honour, AMEN.

## TEACHING ON HUMILITY

### Luke 22:24-30

**INTRODUCTION:** The disciples did not honour one another. They each wanted to be the greatest in the kingdom. We have privileges in heaven besides salvation. We have rewards for how we live as Christians.

**PRAY:** Ask God to help you as you study today.

**READ:** Luke 22:24-30

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:** What example did Jesus give for us to follow if we are to be his disciples? (vs. 27)

1. What was the dispute about among the disciples? (vs. 24)
2. How do kings and those in authority act towards others? (vs. 25)
3. How are disciples to behave towards others? (vs. 26)
4. Who is the greater person in Jesus' example? (vs. 27)
5. What good thing had the disciples done despite their weaknesses and pettiness? (vs. 28)
6. What reward did Jesus plan for his disciples? (vs. 29)
7. What privileges would the disciples have in the Kingdom of God? (vs. 30)
8. Who will the disciples judge in the Kingdom of God? (vs. 30)

**CONCLUSION:** Jesus was an example as well as a Saviour. Jesus served even though He is the greatest Person ever born. Despite all their weaknesses Jesus still honoured the disciples and promised them greatness in the coming Kingdom of God. He encouraged them about the future. Jesus wants us to behave with love and respect towards each other and to other people.

**PRAYER:** Lord, help me to honour you in all my behaviour and to respect other people. Help me to prepare for my future in heaven by serving you here on earth. AMEN.

## WARNINGS TO PETER AND THE OTHER DISCIPLES

### Luke 22:31-38

**INTRODUCTION:** Satan can attack the followers of Jesus. Followers of Jesus can be restored once they have failed/sinned. Jesus is always praying for us. Spiritual pride can be a problem for Christians.

**PRAY:** Ask God to give you understanding as you study today

**READ:** Luke 22:31-38

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:** What confirms that Jesus is who he says he is? (vs. 37)

1. Who wanted to test Simon and the disciples? (vs. 31)
2. What did Jesus pray about for Simon? (vs. 32)
3. What was Simon to do once he was restored? (vs. 32)
4. Where did Simon say he was willing to go for Jesus? (vs. 33)
5. What was Simon Peter going to do despite all he said? (vs. 34)
6. How many times was Simon going to deny he knew Jesus? (vs. 34)
7. What had the disciples lacked when Jesus had sent them out before this time? (vs. 35)
8. What did Jesus tell the disciples to do this time? (vs. 36)
9. What did Jesus say had been written about him in the Old Testament? (vs. 37)
10. What was reaching its fulfillment? (vs. 37)

**CONCLUSION:** Pride in how spiritual we are can lead to failure. Our lives are always dependent on God's mercy. Jesus prays for us. Jesus understands our weaknesses. Jesus has a wonderful future service for each of us even as he had for Simon. Jesus will forgive our sins as we repent and ask for forgiveness. The Old Testament (the Jewish Scriptures) foretold much about Jesus as Messiah.

**PRAYER:** Father God, please teach me more about Jesus each day. Please teach me about myself also. Please break any pride I have in my own abilities to cope with life. I need you. Amen.

## JESUS PRAYS ON THE MOUNT OF OLIVES

### Luke 22:39-46

**INTRODUCTION:** Prayer played a central part in the life of Jesus. He wanted the support of his friends and followers in his suffering. Jesus suffered from emotional, mental and physical pain. He was comforted while the disciples slept.

**PRAY:** Ask God to help you understand the enormous cost to Jesus to secure our salvation as you read this painful passage today.

**READ:** Luke 22:39-46

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:** Why was prayer so important in the life of Jesus and his disciples? (vs. 46)

1. Where did Jesus usually go to pray? (vs. 39)
2. What did the disciples do? (vs. 39)
3. What did Jesus tell the disciples to pray about? (vs. 40)
4. What did Jesus do before he prayed? (vs. 41)
5. Who did Jesus pray to? (vs. 42)
6. What did Jesus ask His Father to do? (vs. 42)
7. Whose will did Jesus want? (vs. 42)
8. Who came and strengthened him? (vs. 43)
9. What showed how terribly Jesus was suffering? (vs. 44)
10. What did Jesus tell them to do when he raised them from sleep? (vs. 46)

**CONCLUSION:** Prayer with his Father was central to the life of Jesus. He still had to learn to do difficult things although he was God's Son. He was helped by praying to God. It was difficult for Jesus to face the agony of the cross. Satan tried to destroy him. Jesus wanted to do his Father's will even though it was so costly. We can know that Jesus understands our heartaches, pain and conflicts because he suffered also. He can comfort us because he was comforted.

**PRAYER:** Thank you Jesus for being willing to suffer for me. I realise now that you endured the agony of sin for me. You had never before been tainted by sin until you bore my punishment. Thank you. Amen.

## THE BETRAYAL BY JUDAS ISCARIOT

### Luke 22:47-53

**INTRODUCTION:** A friend betrayed Jesus. Some people hated Jesus. Jesus had taught in the temple while he was in Jerusalem. Jesus knew he would be betrayed.

**PRAY:** Ask God to teach you from this study today.

**READ:** Luke 22:47-53

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:** How did Jesus show his heavenly compassion when he was being betrayed? (vs. 51)

1. Who arrived while Jesus was speaking to his disciples? (vs. 47)
2. What did Judas intend to do to identify Jesus? (vs. 48)
3. Which title did Jesus use to describe himself? (vs. 48)
4. How did the followers of Jesus respond to the crowd? (vs. 49)
5. What happened to the servant of the high priest? (vs. 50)
6. What miracle did Jesus perform? (vs. 51)
7. Which three groups of people came to arrest Jesus? (vs. 52)
8. What question did Jesus ask these people? (vs. 52)
9. Where had Jesus been daily? (vs. 53)
10. How did Jesus describe this time of betrayal and arrest? (vs. 53)

**CONCLUSION:** Jesus never stopped being divine even when he was betrayed and hunted down. He showed the deepest compassion to those who suffer. Jesus knew the hearts of men and knew that fear breeds most cruelty and hatred.

**PRAYER:** Lord, help me never to betray you, AMEN.

## PETER DISOWNS JESUS

### Luke 22:54-62

**INTRODUCTION:** Peter was afraid and denied his relationship with Jesus. Jesus was proved right about Peter. Fear of what people think can cause us to sin.

**PRAY:** Ask God to help you study this sad passage and learn from it today.

**READ:** Luke 22:54-62

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:** How does this incident show that Jesus is divine? (vs. 61)

1. Where did the crowd first take Jesus? (vs. 54)
2. Who followed them at a distance? (vs. 54)
3. What did the crowd do next? (vs. 55)
4. Who saw Peter when he sat around the fire with the crowd? (vs. 56)
5. What did the servant girl say about Peter? (vs. 56)
6. How many times did Peter deny knowing Jesus? (vvs. 57, 58, 60)
7. What happened when Peter denied knowing Jesus three times? (vs. 60)
8. What did the Lord Jesus do at that moment? (vs. 61)
9. What did Peter remember as the Lord looked at him? (vs. 61)
10. What did Peter do? (vs. 62)

**CONCLUSION:** Fear of what other people think about us can destroy our confidence and trust even in God if we allow it to control us. Satan had a victory over Peter but even in this failure Jesus had compassion for him. Jesus wants us to be strong in our hours of temptation. Crowds can be frightening and cause us to behave in a way we do not wish to behave. We need God's help to stand against such things which Satan is quick to use for evil.

**PRAYER:** Dear Jesus, help me to stand firm for you when I am tempted to deny you as my Lord and Saviour. Help me not to worry about what other people think about me if I am doing what you want. AMEN.

## JESUS MOCKED AND ON TRIAL BEFORE THE COUNCIL

### Luke 22:63-71

**INTRODUCTION:** Jesus was mocked and treated cruelly by the guards. He sometimes did not answer the questions put to him. Jesus acknowledged his divinity to the council.

**PRAY:** Ask God to help you learn from the study today.

**READ:** Luke 22:63-71

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:** Which true statement finally sealed the fate of Jesus on earth? (vs. 70)

1. What did the guards begin to do to Jesus? (vs. 63)
2. What did they say after they had blindfolded him? (vs. 64)
3. What kind of things did they say to him? (vs. 65)
4. What time did the council meet? (vs. 66)
5. Which two groups of people met to try Jesus? (vs. 66)
6. What was the question they asked Jesus? (vs. 67)
7. What did Jesus say would happen to him in the future? (vs. 69)
8. What most important question did the council now ask Jesus? (vs. 70)
9. What did Jesus reply? (vs. 70)
10. What did the council say they had heard? (vs. 71)

**CONCLUSION:** The council had every reason to rejoice at the answers Jesus gave them regarding his origins. They feared for their own authority and power and utterly rejected him. From these verses we can know that the Jewish leaders understood that Jesus was divine and deliberately allowed him to go to be crucified. The leaders knew what they were doing but ignored God. The crowds were swayed by the opinions of the council and leaders.

**PRAYER:** Lord Jesus, help me to think for myself and not be swayed by the opinion of unlawful people. Give me the gift of discernment so that I can know when Satan is trying to use me. AMEN.

## JESUS BEFORE PILATE AND HEROD

### Luke 23:1-12

**INTRODUCTION:** Pilate and Herod did not think Jesus was guilty of any crime. They were indecisive and cowards. They were helpless against the council and crowds.

**PRAY:** Ask God to help you understand what you study today.

**READ:** Luke 23:1-12

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:** How were Pilate and Herod manipulated in their decision making? (vss. 2, 5, 10)

1. Who did the council take Jesus to? (vs. 1)
2. What three things did they accuse Jesus of? (vs. 2)
3. What did Pilate ask Jesus? (vs. 3)
4. How did Jesus reply to Pilate? (vs. 3)
5. What did the crowd insist that Jesus had done? (vs. 5)
6. What did Herod want to see? (vs. 8)
7. How did Jesus respond to Herod's many questions? (vs. 9)
8. What were the chief priests and teachers of the law doing? (vs. 10)
9. How did Herod and his soldiers mock Jesus? (vs. 11)
10. What happened to Pilate and Herod that day? (vs. 12)

**CONCLUSION:** Jesus responded to Pilate and Herod as individuals. Jesus behaved with dignity and honour despite their desire to discredit him. People behave differently when they are confronted with something they don't understand. Pilate knew Jesus was innocent of anything deserving death. Pilate was a coward. He was too easily influenced by the riotous crowds. Herod was a foolish man who allowed himself to ridicule the Son of God. He secretly wished to see a miracle.

**PRAYER:** Father, help me to have the courage I need to stand up against any who would cause me to stumble in my love and service for you. Help me not to be a coward or a fool. Amen.

## PILATE CONDEMNS JESUS TO DEATH

### Luke 23:13-25

**INTRODUCTION:** Jesus was innocent of any crime? Pilate preferred to kill Barabbas rather than Jesus. Pilate made feeble attempts to free Jesus. There was a great contrast between Jesus and Barabbas.

**PRAY:** Ask God to help you study today.

**READ:** Luke 23:13-25

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:** Why did Pilate not behave justly towards Jesus? (vss. 20, 23)

1. What did Pilate tell all the people, the chief priest and the rulers about Jesus? (vs. 14)
2. What did both Herod and Pilate feel about Jesus? (vs. 15)
3. What did Pilate plan to do to Jesus? (vs. 17)
4. What did everyone want to do with Jesus? (vs. 18)
5. Who did they want released instead of Jesus? (vs. 18)
6. How did Pilate try to release Jesus? (vs. 20)
7. What did the crowd want Pilate to do? (vs. 21)
8. How many times did Pilate try to release Jesus? (vs. 22)
9. What finally induced Pilate to give the crowd their wish? (vs. 23)
10. What did Pilate finally do with Jesus and Barabbas? (vs. 25)

**CONCLUSION:** Jesus knew in Gethsemane that he would be killed. These cruel men even had him beaten unlawfully when they thought he was innocent. Sin and fear encourage people to do evil even when they want to do right. The crowds were incited by the leaders. They were swept along by the excitement of the occasion. They preferred the death of a man who they had previously honoured to that of a convicted murderer.

**PRAYER:** Father God, help me not to be swept along by other peoples' wrong opinions but to find out your will and do that. Amen.

## JESUS ON THE WAY TO THE CROSS

### Luke 23:26-31

**INTRODUCTION:** Jesus felt pain even before the cross. Jesus understands our suffering. The women of Jerusalem cared about his sufferings. They mourned for him.

**PRAY:** Ask God to teach you from what you study today.

**READ:** Luke 23:26-31

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:** What did Jesus warn the women about? (vs. 28)

1. Who was made to carry the cross of Jesus? (vs. 26)
2. What were the women in the crowd doing as Jesus passed by? (vs. 27)
3. Who did Jesus tell the women to mourn for? (vs. 28)
4. What would the women eventually say? (vs. 29)
5. What would the people say in their future suffering? (vs. 30)
6. How do you think people react when life becomes really difficult if they are cruel when life is easy? (vs. 31)

**CONCLUSION:** Jesus learnt more about physical suffering even before he was crucified. Jesus knew the future and was prepared. He warned against evil and encouraged people to think about the consequences of living evil lives. He wanted people to live righteously. He wanted them to be concerned about their own destiny.

**PRAYER:** Father, help me to live my life in honouring you. Thank you that even as Jesus suffered such pain he thought about others. Help me to think of others rather than myself. Amen.

## JESUS IS CRUCIFIED!

### Luke 23:32-43

**INTRODUCTION:** Jesus was crucified between criminals. He cared for those around him. It is never too late to ask for forgiveness from Jesus.

**PRAY:** Ask God to help you understand this sad and significant passage as you study.

**READ:** Luke 23:32-43

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:** What examples of right behaviour did Jesus give on the cross? (vss. 34, 43)

1. How many criminals were to be crucified with Jesus? (vs. 32)
2. Where was Jesus crucified? (vs. 33)
3. What did Jesus ask for his Father to do for those who were crucifying him? (vs. 34)
4. What did the soldiers do while Jesus was dying? (vs. 34)
5. How did the people want Jesus to prove He was the Christ of God? (vs. 35)
6. What did the soldiers do while mocking him? (vs. 36)
7. What temptation did the soldiers bring to Jesus? (vs. 37)
8. What did the notice over his head say? (vs. 38)
9. What did one of the criminals say to Jesus? (vs. 39)
10. How did the other criminal rebuke him? (vs. 40)
11. Who did this second criminal fear? (vs. 40)
12. Who acknowledged Jesus to be innocent? (vs. 41)
13. What did this second criminal ask Jesus to do? (vs. 42)
14. How did Jesus answer him? (vs. 43)

**CONCLUSION:** Even while Jesus was dying he managed to teach people by his example. He asked his Father to forgive his tormentors and murderers. He forgave and welcomed the dying thief into his kingdom when he expressed faith in Jesus. He was proclaimed innocent by those who witnessed his gracious behaviour while on the cross. He accepted the insults of the rulers, soldiers and the criminal without rebuke even though he was divine.

**PRAYER:** Thank you Jesus that you will forgive anyone when they ask forgiveness and desire to be holy. Thank you for your promise of eternal life. AMEN.

## THE DEATH OF JESUS

### Luke 23:44-49

**INTRODUCTION:** There was darkness over the land while Jesus died. The curtain in the temple was torn. Jesus committed his spirit to his Father at death. His followers grieved deeply at the death of Jesus.

**PRAY:** Ask God to help you study this sad passage and learn from it.

**READ:** Luke 23:44-49

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:** Where did the spirit of Jesus go after death? (vs. 46)

1. What happened between the sixth and ninth hours? (vs. 44)
2. What happened to the curtain of the temple? (vs. 45)
3. What did Jesus cry to His Father at his moment of death? (vs. 46)
4. How did the centurion react to the death of Jesus? (vs. 47)
5. How did the crowds react to the death of Jesus? (vs. 48)
6. What did his followers do while everything was happening? (vs. 49)
7. Where had his women followers come from? (vs. 49)

**CONCLUSION:** Jesus died and all heaven knew it. Even the weather acknowledged the terrible deed which was happening. The temple curtain was torn by God from the top to the bottom. This signaled that Jesus was opening the way to God to everyone, not just the Jews. The crowds began to realise the horror of what had happened. The disciples seemed stunned.

**PRAYER:** Father, how can I understand the enormity of the death of Jesus? Thank you for all he did for the forgiveness of my sins and leading me to know you. Amen.

## THE BURIAL OF JESUS

### Luke 23:50-56

**INTRODUCTION:** Not every one of the council wanted Jesus to die. One of the council members buried him. It was just before the Sabbath when Jesus died. His followers respected the Sabbath.

**PRAY:** Ask God to give you an understanding of the cost of discipleship as you study.

**READ:** Luke 23:50-56

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:** How did the Jewish Sabbath traditions influence the burial of Jesus? (vss. 54-56)

1. What was the name of the council member who had not consented to the death of Jesus? (vs. 50)
2. What kind of man was Joseph? (vs. 50)
3. What was he waiting for? (vs. 51)
4. What did he ask Pilate for? (vs. 52)
5. What did Joseph do with the body of Jesus? (vs. 53)
6. What was special about the tomb he laid Jesus in? (vs. 53)
7. What day was it when Jesus died? (vs. 54)
8. Why did the women follow Joseph? (vs. 55)
9. What preparations did the women make? (vs. 56)
10. Why did the women rest on the Sabbath rather than go to the tomb straightaway? (vs. 56)

**CONCLUSION:** Joseph has courage to ask for the body of Jesus from Pilate. He had not consented to the death of Jesus. He had not stood firm enough to prevent Jesus from dying. Joseph wanted to bury Jesus openly and in a honourable manner. It is our privilege to honour Jesus by lives of courageous service. The women also honoured him. Jesus later gave them the gift of the first knowledge of his resurrection.

**PRAYER:** Lord, give me the courage to be your disciple even in the face of danger.  
**AMEN.**

## THE RESURRECTION

### Luke 24:1-12

**INTRODUCTION:** Jesus rose from the dead. Women were the first people to see him. Angels announced his resurrection. Jesus had foretold his own death and resurrection. Even now the disciples were slow to believe.

**PRAY:** Ask God to show you new things today as you study.

**READ:** Luke 24:1-12

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:** Why do you think God sent angels at the resurrection of Jesus as well as at his birth?

1. Which day did the women go to the tomb? (vs. 1)
2. What had happened to the stone at the tomb? (vs. 2)
3. What was missing inside the tomb? (vs. 3)
4. Who appeared to them while they were at the tomb? (vs. 4)
5. What did the women do because they were frightened? (vs. 5)
6. What did the men say about Jesus? (vs. 6)
7. What did the men remind the women about? (vs. 7)
8. What did the women do when they returned from the tomb? (vs. 9)
9. Why did everyone find it hard at first to believe what the women told them? (vs. 11)
10. What did Peter see in the tomb? (vs. 12)

**CONCLUSION:** The men standing at the tomb were angels. They knew Jesus had risen from the dead. The women showed great courage in going to the tomb even though it should have been guarded by soldiers. These women were the first to tell the ‘good news’ of the resurrection of Jesus. Jesus was indeed God and his resurrection proved his divinity.

**PRAYER:** I praise you Jesus that you rose from the dead and defeated death and Satan. Amen

## THE WALK TO EMMAUS

### Luke 24:13-35

**INTRODUCTION:** The two disciples from Emmaus were discouraged. Jesus used the Old Testament (Jewish Scriptures) to teach his followers. God can prevent people from understanding things if he wants to. The two disciples finally recognised who the stranger was.

**PRAY:** Ask God to help you understand what you study today

**READ:** Luke 24:13-35

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:** What did Jesus teach about as he walked with his followers to Emmaus? (vs. 26)

1. What were the two people talking about when Jesus walked with them? (vs. 14)
2. Who did the two disciples think Jesus was at this time? (vs. 19)
3. Who had the disciples hoped Jesus has been? (vs. 21)
4. What did Jesus explain to the disciples from the Jewish writings (Old Testament)? (vs. 27)
5. Why did the disciples urge Jesus to stay with them? (vs. 29)
6. What did Jesus do which enabled the disciples to recognise him? (vs. 30)
7. How did the disciples feel as Jesus taught them about himself? (vs. 32)
8. What did they do as soon as Jesus disappeared? (vs. 33)
9. What did the other disciples tell them when they arrived? (vs. 34)
10. What significant thing did those from Emmaus tell the others about? (vs. 35)

**CONCLUSION:** Jesus wanted to teach his two despairing disciples about his sacrifice. He took them to familiar passages in the Old Testament. He showed them the deeper meanings about himself. Jesus revealed himself to them later through the breaking of the bread. The teaching of the last supper was known at that time. It had significance.

**PRAYER:** Lord, teach me about yourself. Help me to understand that you care for me and want me to love and worship you. AMEN.

## JESUS APPEARS TO THE DISCIPLES

### Luke 24:36-49

**INTRODUCTION:** Jesus appeared to his disciples after he rose from the dead. Jesus gave a gift to his disciples when he appeared to them. The Old Testament (Jewish writings) can teach us many things about Jesus. The Holy Spirit helps us preach the message of the good news about Jesus.

**PRAY:** Ask God to help you understand what is meant in this passage.

**READ:** Luke 24:36-49

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:** What is the result of repenting of our sin and knowing Jesus? (vs. 36)

1. Who appeared as the disciples were talking together? (vs. 36)
2. What did the disciples think Jesus was? (vs. 37)
3. What did Jesus know they were thinking? (vs. 38)
4. Why did the disciples hardly believe Jesus was alive even after he had showed them his hands and feet? (vs. 41)
5. What did Jesus eat to prove he was not a ghost? (vs. 42)
6. What did the Scriptures foretell about Jesus? (vs. 46)
7. What was the message to be preached in the name of Jesus? (vs. 46)
8. Who was the message to be preached to? (vs. 47)
9. Why were the disciples going to be able to preach the message? (vs. 48)
10. What was Jesus going to give the disciples from heaven? (vs. 49)

**CONCLUSION:** Jesus did rise from the dead. He proved it to his first disciples. They believed him and worshipped him as God's Son. Jesus committed the preaching of the Gospel of his Kingdom to his disciples. Jesus taught the disciples about himself from the Scriptures after he rose from the dead. Jesus promised the disciples power from heaven through the Holy Spirit.

**PRAYER:** Lord Jesus, help me to be a true disciple and tell others about your Gospel of forgiveness and divine reconciliation. Amen

## THE ASCENSION

### Luke 24:50-52

**INTRODUCTION:** Jesus blessed his disciples. He left the disciples to go back up to heaven.

**PRAY:** Ask God to help you to learn something significant from this last study in the Gospel of Luke.

**OVERVIEW QUESTION:** What is one result of believing Jesus is the Son of God? (vs. 52)

1. Where did Jesus lead the disciples? (vs. 50)
2. What did Jesus do before he left the disciples? (vs. 51)
3. Where did Jesus go? (vs. 51)
4. What was the response of the disciples to the ascension of Jesus? (vs. 52)
5. How did the disciples return to Jerusalem? (vs. 52)
6. What did the disciples do in Jerusalem? (vs. 53)
7. How did they spend their time while they waited for God's promised power? (vs. 53)

**CONCLUSION:** The last thing Jesus did for his disciples was to bless them. The disciples were filled with great joy because they knew Jesus was alive. They now realised that Jesus was fully divine and worshipped him. They spent their waiting time in praising God.

**PRAYER:** Lord Jesus I worship you for being God. Thank you that I do not have to wait for your Holy Spirit to come from heaven. He is within me as I trust in you for my salvation. Fill me afresh with your Holy Spirit's power. I want to do everything you tell me to. AMEN.

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