



Part 1 – Luke 19:28-22:46

Growth Group Study Booklet



Living for Jesus

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| THE FINAL WEEK OF JESUS |

LUKE 19-24

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Introduction to Luke

Luke was a physician and a travel companion of the apostle Paul (Col. 4:14). He wrote this Gospel and its sequel, the book of Acts. The earliest possible date of Luke–Acts is immediately after the events that Luke recorded in Acts 28, which would have been c. a.d. 62. Both Luke and Acts are addressed to “Theophilus” (Luke 1:3; Acts 1:1), about whom nothing more is known. Luke’s broader audience consisted primarily of Gentile Christians like Theophilus.

Luke informs us from the beginning (1:1–4) that his is not the only Gospel to have been written nor the only Gospel account that could be written (cf. John 21:25). Nevertheless, the church has always recognized the great gift that the third Gospel is to us. There are many beautiful and essential teachings of Jesus and pictures of the gospel that come to us from Luke alone.

While the historical and theological witness of all four Gospels contains many consistent themes, Luke describes for us the gospel and its application in several specific and important ways. At the broadest level we learn from this Gospel account that the gospel is multi-faceted and full-orbed. That is, the gospel is explained and applied as being about our whole lives, physically and spiritually, externally and internally, for now and for the future, in our relationship with God and with others. The gospel is not simply a message about religion and the “religious” portion of our lives. Rather, Luke’s presentation helps us see clearly that the gospel of Jesus is about the comprehensive *blessedness* of God available to us through Jesus Christ.

At a more specific level Luke retells the stories and teachings of Jesus in a way that consistently emphasizes that the gospel is a matter of the heart, the inner person, not mere external religion. Jesus constantly reveals the heart motivations behind our actions and pushes us toward opening our hearts in humility toward God. As a result, the gospel in Luke is often presented as a call to reevaluate everything in the world according to God’s perspective, not ours. This means valuing humility over prestige, mercy over justice, favor with God over favor with people, and—especially challenging to us—valuing a rich relationship with God over the power of money.

To emphasize this comprehensive understanding of the gospel, Luke uses a variety of complementary images to describe it. The gospel includes the message of peace, the offer of forgiveness of sins through repentance, the promise of inheriting eternal life, the invitation to enter the kingdom of God, and the joy of being with Jesus as a disciple. In all of this, the gospel is *good news* because it announces the grace and peace that have now come to sinners in Jesus Christ.

From the *Gospel Transformation Bible* (Study Notes for Luke by Jonathan Pennington).



Luke 19-24 Chronology

Sunday

Jesus enters Jerusalem (Luke 19:29-44)

Monday

Jesus cleanses the temple (Luke 19:45-48)

Tuesday

Jesus teaches in the temple (Luke 20:1-21:36)

Wednesday*

Jesus continues teaching as his enemies plot against him (Luke 21:37-22:5)

Thursday

The Passover meal and the Garden of Gethsemane (Luke 22:7-46)

Friday

Jesus' betrayal and arrest, Peter's denial, Jesus appears before the Sanhedrin, Pilate and Herod, Jesus condemned, crucified, dies and is buried (Luke 22:47-23:56a)

Saturday

The disciples rest on the Sabbath (Luke 23:56b)

Sunday

The women & disciples learn of Jesus' resurrection at the empty tomb, Jesus appears on the road to Emmaus, Jesus appears to the disciples (Luke 24:1-49)

Some time later

Jesus' ascension (Luke 24:50-53)

* Possible, but not certain



Notes



STUDY 1

Luke 19:28-48

Kick Off: Describe an occasion in your life when you suddenly burst into praise of God, or praise of someone you particularly admired.

Key Verses: Luke 19:38-40

Big Idea: Jesus, the Sacrificial Lamb, our Lord and Saviour, is wholly worthy of praise and honour.

Investigate & Apply:

Read Luke 19:28-38.

1. Why did Jesus enter Jerusalem as He did, riding a donkey? (See Zechariah 9:9).
2. Most of the crowd were embracing Jesus as Messiah. What sort of Messiah were they embracing? What sort of Messiah was Jesus actually portraying?
3. What may have been Jesus' thoughts as the crowd were paying homage to Him and praising God?
4. *Read Luke 19:39-40.* Jesus entered Jerusalem during the Passover period. He also entered the city in a public way that challenged the Pharisees. Why? (See Acts 2:23, 1 Corinthians 5:7).

Read Luke 19:41-44.

5. For what reasons did Jesus weep over Jerusalem?

Read Luke 19:45-46. Jesus cleanses the temple.

6. Why were the temple courts “a den of robbers”? (See Isaiah 56:7, Jeremiah 7:11).

7. If Jesus desires that our lives be characterised by informed zeal, praise of God, and a genuine commitment to growing into a mature Christian, how would we go about cooperating with the Holy Spirit to aid that growth?

Prayer:

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Read Ahead: For next week’s sermon, read Luke 20:1-19.



STUDY 2

Luke 20:1-19

Kick Off: Do you find it easy or difficult to submit to authority (employers, government, law enforcement etc.)?

Key Verse: Luke 20:17

Big Idea: Those who reject the authority of Jesus now will face his rejection of them at the final judgment.

Investigate & Apply:

Read Luke 20:1-8.

1. Do you think that the chief priests and scribes had a right to question the authority of Jesus? Why or why not?

2. What are the two different motivations behind their answer to the question that Jesus asks them (v. 5-7)?

3. Why might Jesus have refused to answer their question (v. 8)?

Read Luke 20: 9-19

4. What is the main point that Jesus is making with this parable?

5. Why do the people react so strongly to the way that the parable ends (v. 16)?

6. Can you think of any ways that we are in danger of rejecting or opposing the work of God's kingdom?

7. Who or what is the stone that Jesus mentions in verses 17 and 18? How are these verses connected with the parable he has just told?

8. The Jewish authorities clearly fear the people rather than Jesus in verses 6 and 19. How does fear of what people think of us sometimes stop us from serving Jesus?

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STUDY 3

Luke 20:20-44

Kick Off: How do you usually react when you're confronted with a tricky question or situation? Are you more likely to try and avoid the challenge or relish it?

Key Verse: Luke 20:26

Big Idea: Jesus' wisdom in answering his opponents proves his authority and power.

Investigate and Apply:

Read Luke 20:20-26.

1. What might the scribes and chief priests have been hoping that Jesus would say in answer to their question (v. 22)?

2. How did Jesus' answer undo their plan to trap him?

3. How should we respond to the governing authorities of our nation in light of Jesus' answer? What might this look like in practice?

Read Luke 20:27-40.

4. Do you think that the Sadducees' question is stupid or clever? What point are they trying to prove?

5. What is your initial reaction to Jesus' teaching about marriage and the resurrection in verses 34-36?

6. How does Jesus use the Old Testament to prove the reality of resurrection in v 37-38?

Read Luke 20:41-44.

7. What point is Jesus making with his questions and quotation from Psalm 110:1?

8. How does this section relate to the previous passage about marriage and the resurrection?

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STUDY 4

Luke 20:45-21:4

Kick Off: Do you find it easier to relate to people who seem to always “have it all together” or to people who are obviously struggling?

Key Verse: Luke 21:4.

Big Idea: Jesus wants genuine compassion and generosity from us as we serve him, not an outward religious show.

Investigate and Apply:

Read Luke 20:45-47.

1. Jesus gives a devastating rebuke to the scribes in these verses. What do you think is the underlying problem with the way that they are acting (v. 46-47)?

2. What do you think Jesus might be referring to when he accuses them of “devouring widows’ houses” in verse 47?

3. Can you spot any of the characteristics of the scribes in your own life? Is loving a good outward appearance and the praise of people a real danger for us?

Read Luke 21:1-4.

4. The widow contributes everything she has to live on (and has no one to provide for her), while the wealthy only contribute a small portion from their great wealth. Is it possible that Jesus is using this story to condemn the rich?

5. Does the widow's action also demonstrate her faith as well as her poverty? Why or why not?

6. Are we in danger or neglecting to look out for the poor and needy in our society? When was the last time you did something practical to help someone in desperate need?

7. What things stop us from being generous to those in need?

8. How can Jesus' generosity and compassion to us motivate us to be generous and compassionate towards others?

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STUDY 5

Luke 21:5-36

Kick Off: What is one thing in the future that sometimes causes you to worry?

Key Verse: Luke 21:19

Big Idea: The future will hold many uncertainties and troubles, but Jesus' disciples can live confidently through them, knowing that he is control.

Investigate and Apply:

Read Luke 21:5-24. In these verses Jesus foretells the destruction of the temple (v5-6), the destruction of Jerusalem (v20-24), and future persecution of God's people (v7-19).

1. Are the temple and the city of Jerusalem central to God's plan of salvation now that Jesus has come? Why/why not?

2. Based on your understanding of this passage or other passages in Luke, why will this destruction come about?

3. Why does Jesus reveal this glimpse of the future to his disciples? What direct commands or encouragements does he give them?
 - a) Verse 8

 - b) Verses 12-19

 - c) Verse 21

4. From these commands & encouragements, what can you apply day-to-day as you go on living for Jesus? (Give concrete examples to help you be practical)

Read Luke 21:25-36. In these verses Jesus foretells his own second coming in the more distant future.

5. What contrast does Jesus draw between the world (and all that is in it) and his own words (verse 33)?

6. Why does Jesus tell his disciples about his future second coming? What direct commands or encouragements does he give them?

a) Verse 28

b) Verse 31

c) Verse 34-36

7. From these commands & encouragements, what can you apply in your own day-to-day life of following Jesus? (Give concrete examples to help you be practical.)

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STUDY 6

Luke 22:1-23

Kick Off: What different ways have you seen other churches celebrate the Lord's Supper (also called Communion or the Eucharist)? Did you think any of these different practices were helpful in demonstrating the meaning of the Lord's Supper?

Key Verse: Luke 22:19-20

Big Idea: Jesus commanded his followers to eat a regular Communion meal together to represent, remember and celebrate his death.

Investigate and Apply:

Read Luke 22:1-6

1. What was the significance of the Passover feast? (See Exodus 12:21-27) Can you think of any connection between the Passover feast and the death of Jesus?

2. Why did the Chief priests need the cooperation of Judas in their plot against Jesus? Do you think this betrayal interrupted Jesus' plans? (See verses 21-22, also John 6:64, 70)

3. *Read Luke 22:7-15.* Why do you think Jesus was so purposeful about eating this Passover meal with his disciples?

Read Luke 22:16-23

4. In verse 19, what is the meaning of the bread that Jesus' disciples share?

5. In verse 20, what is the meaning of the wine that Jesus' disciples' share?

6. Jesus instructs his followers to do this in remembrance of him. What is being signified when Christians eat and drink the bread and the cup together during the Lord's Supper?

7. In verses 16-18, what is the connection between this meal and the future Kingdom of God?

8. Based either on this passage, or from your previous knowledge, how is the Lords' Supper (also called Communion) significant to you?

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STUDY 7

Luke 22:24-38

Kick Off: Have you ever known a leader who was a real servant? How did they demonstrate this?

Key Verse: Luke 22:37

Big Idea: Through Jesus' substitutionary death, he would turn the world's ideas about greatness upside down.

Investigate and Apply:

Read Luke 22:24-30

1. a) Throughout Luke, the disciples have struggled to understand the nature of Jesus' kingdom. How does this effect their ideas about greatness and leadership?

b) What should leaders in Jesus' kingdom be like?

c) Can you think of ways that Jesus was demonstrated being a servant? (verse 27)

d) What should motivate Jesus' disciples to humble themselves as servants?

e) What practical opportunities do you have to serve others in your daily life? Can you think of any extra ways you could do this? (Be as specific as you can)

Read Luke 22:31-34

2. a) What was Satan's goal? (see also verse 3)

b) What do you learn about what faith is and what repentance is from verse 32?

c) What purpose might Jesus have in mind in telling Peter the information in verse 34?

d) What have you learned from sin or failure in your own life?

Read Luke 22:35-38

3. In Luke 9 & 10, Jesus sent the disciples on training missions with no supplies. Why do you think he might now tell them to prepare themselves with travelling provisions?

4. Read Isaiah 53:3-12. What is Jesus revealing about his death by stating that Isaiah 53:12 will be fulfilled in him?

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Read Ahead: For next week's sermon, read Luke 22:39-46.



STUDY 8

Luke 22:39-46

Kick Off: Do you find it easy to be honest and to express how you really feel in your prayers?

Key Verse: Luke 22:42

Big Idea:

Investigate and Apply:

Read Luke 22:39-46

1. Why is it so important that the disciples pray?

2. What is the significance of the cup Jesus asks God to take from him? (Read Psalm 75:8; Isaiah 51:17; Jeremiah 25:15).

3. What does this passage reveal about what Jesus would experience in “bearing our sins in his own body” (1 Peter 2:24)

4. Can you think of situations where the kind of prayer that Jesus prays in verse 42 could be your prayer?

5. a) Jesus went through this struggle so that we could be saved. What response does this produce within you?

b) All too often we are like the disciples, who slept instead of praying. What should we do about this? (See verse 46, 22:31-32)

6. What are some lessons about prayer you can learn from this passage? How does this passage encourage you in your praying over the next week?

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Read Ahead: In preparation for Easter, read an account of the death and resurrection of Jesus from one of the four gospels.

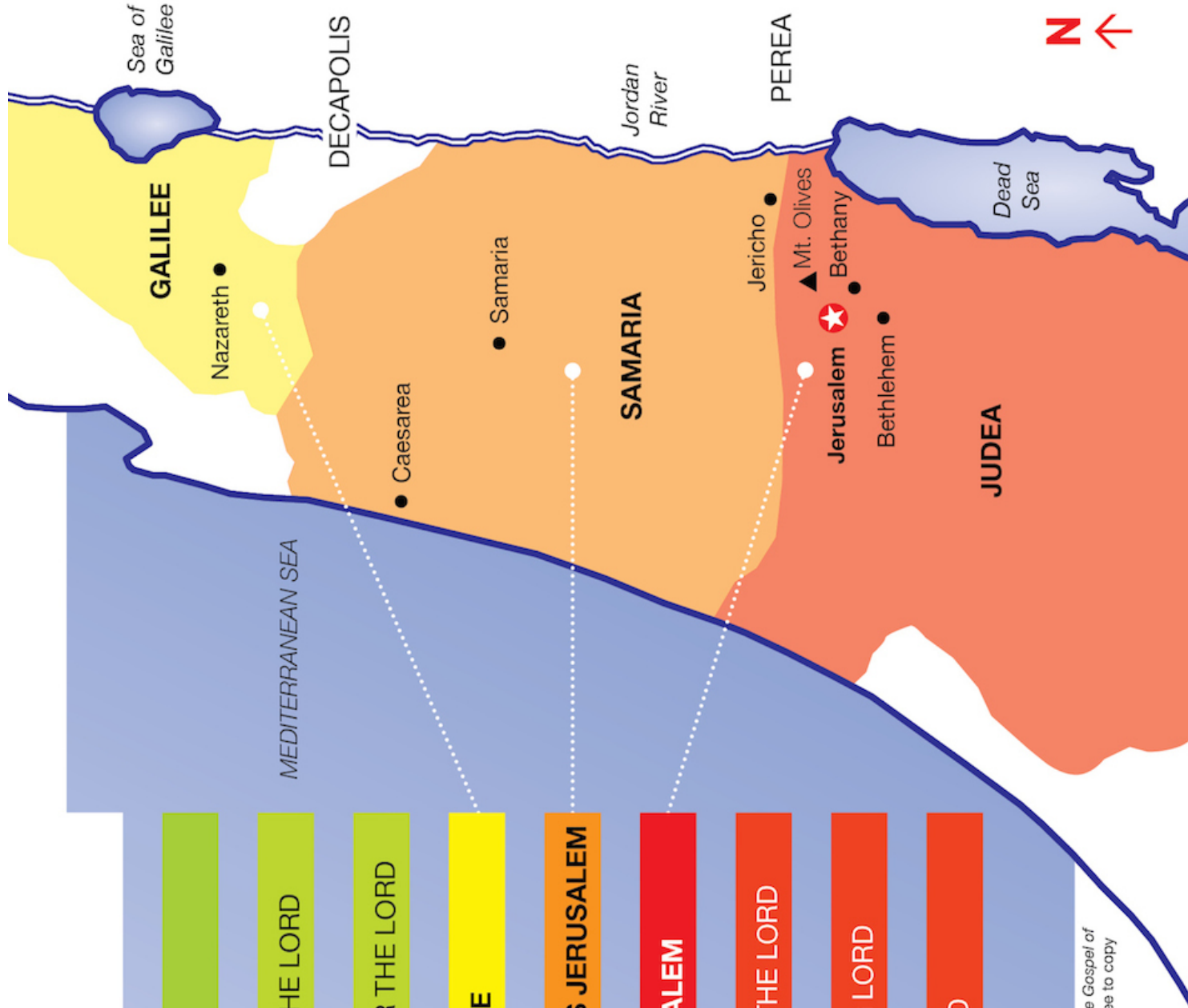


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