

# **THE GOSPEL OF LUKE**

**Jesus – Savior of the  
World!**

**JOHN, THE FORERUNNER OF JESUS**

The Gospel of Luke is particularly written to a disciple named Theophilus, who was probably a new believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. Doctor Luke wanted to give him an accurate account of the life and ministry of the Lord Jesus that which he himself “carefully investigated.”

***1) John the Baptist’s birth is foretold in the Old Testament and is confirmed by the angel Gabriel (vv. 1-25; 57-66-80).***

As noted by Matthew in his Gospel, the birth of John was predicted in the Old Testament. The prophet Isaiah foretold the coming of a forerunner who will “*prepare the way of the Lord, and make straight paths for Him*” (Isa. 40:3). Here, this prophecy was affirmed by the angel Gabriel who was sent by the Lord to appear and announce to Zechariah the good news from the Lord – His prayer had been answered! (Elizabeth, his wife was old and barren) He will have a son and he will name him John! But because Zechariah did not believe Gabriel he was left not able to speak until the birth of John. When John was born they asked Zechariah what will be the name of the boy and he gave the name “John.” Then, Zechariah praised the Lord and gave a prophecy regarding his son who will be “*a prophet of the Most High, for (he) will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for Him, to give His people the know-*

*ledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins” (vv. 76-77).*

***2) Jesus’ birth is foretold in the Old Testament and is confirmed by the angel Gabriel (vv. 26-38; 39-56).***

After six months, Gabriel also was sent to Mary and told her about the message of the Lord. That she will bear a son and he will be called the Son of the Most High and will rule the kingdom of David forever! Gabriel explained that it will all take place through the power of the Holy Spirit who will cause her to be pregnant even though she was a virgin. Mary even though she did not fully understand what was happening to her believed Gabriel and she became pregnant according to the Lord’s words. When Mary visited her relative Elizabeth, her baby “John” recognized Mary’s baby “Jesus” and Elizabeth blessed Mary. Mary responded by praising the Lord by singing a song of praise to Him which came to be known as the “Magnificat,” in which Mary particularly sang to glorify and worship the Lord as His God and Savior for what He has done in her life!

**POINTS TO PONDER:**

***1) The Lord our God has a particular PLAN & PURPOSE for each of His people. He has a definite plan for my life and so I will seek and pursue it faithfully like John for His honor and glory!***

***2) The Lord our God is pleased with our faith in Him! Blessed are those who believe and trust Him and His Word so let us believe His Word and expect great things from the Lord to do in our life!***

**PRAYER:**

***“Our heavenly Father, You are a MIRACULOUS & SUPERNATURAL GOD! You alone are GOD and there’s no other. There’s nothing hard or impossible with You. Lord, You have a PLAN & PURPOSE for my life. I***

***believe in You and Your Will for me is good. Teach me to trust Your Word fully and obey them wholeheartedly. Lord, increase my faith in You and Your Word and may Your will be done in my life and not mine. To You I give praise and thanks and worship. In Jesus' Name I pray, Amen!"***

## **Luke 2**

## **Day 2**

### **THE BIRTH & CHILDHOOD OF JESUS**

The Gospel of Luke is the only Gospel that mentioned about the childhood of Jesus. Here, we see that Jesus underwent the normal stages of human life particularly his childhood. He grew up just like a normal human being but as Luke noted, "Jesus grew up in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men" (v. 52).

#### ***1) Jesus' birth is supernaturally ANNOUNCED by angelic beings (vv. 1-20).***

It is interesting to note that an angel of the Lord appeared and announced Jesus' birth not to the scribes and teachers of the Law; nor to the rich and powerful people of Israel but to the humble shepherds of the land and to Mary and Joseph. An angel of the Lord told them the birth of Jesus (Gabriel even gave Joseph the Name Jesus was to be called, Matt. 1:21) and a host of angels also appeared to them, praising and proclaiming the birth of Jesus that will bring peace to men. After this, these shepherds went to see whether what they heard was true and indeed they found the child in Bethlehem. So, they spread the word about Jesus and all who heard them were amazed.

#### ***2) Jesus' identity is personally AFFIRMED by godly men (vv. 21-40).***

After this, when baby Jesus was presented to the temple according to the practice of the Jews, certain godly men affirmed that He was the One they were waiting for. The first was Simeon. The Holy Spirit revealed to him that he would not die until he sees the Messiah. When he saw Baby Jesus, he took him into his arms and praised the Lord and declared that Jesus will be *“a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for the glory to your people Israel”* (vv. 29-32). Another was Anna, a prophetess and a widow. She also “spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem” (v. 38).

### **3) *Jesus’ childhood is wonderfully APPRAISED by the people (vv. 41-52).***

As Jesus grew, He continuously amazed the people around him. One time at 12 years old when he was lost, his parents found him in the temple talking to the teachers of the law. And these teachers were amazed at the knowledge and understanding of Jesus about the law. And when his parents saw him with these teachers they were astonished at Jesus. But what was truly wonderful was how Jesus lived His life as a child for Luke noted that Jesus was obedient to His parents. And that He grew up in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

### **POINTS TO PONDER:**

**1) *The Lord Jesus is no doubt the Messiah that our Father in heaven sent to be our Savior! Angels and godly men acknowledged Him as the Messiah. So let us exalt Him and fully surrender our life to Him as our Savior and Lord!***

**2) *The Lord Jesus demonstrated how we are to live as human beings and followers of God. We are to be obedient to God and this should translate in our obedience to our parents and elders.***

## PRAYER:

***“Our heavenly Father, teach us to be like Jesus who fully OBEYED You from childhood until He died on the Cross for our sins. He fully surrendered His life to You and trusted Your will for His life. Lord, mold and make me the same kind of person that I may glorify and magnify Your Name in my life and ministry like Jesus my Lord. All these I pray in Jesus’ Name. Amen!”***

## Luke 3

## Day 3

### THE MINISTRY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

As we pointed out in Luke 2, John was chosen by the Lord to fulfill the OT prophecy about the forerunner of the Messiah, the one who will prepare the hearts of the people to the coming of the Christ. Here, Luke clearly showed us that John was the Man and John himself affirmed that he was not the Christ but the one called to prepare His coming to His people.

#### **1) John PREPARES the way for Jesus’ ministry (vv. 1-20).**

Like Matthew Luke cited the prophet Isaiah as the one who predicted the coming of the one who will prepare the way for the Christ. He will prepare the hearts of the people to receive the One the Father sent to be the Savior of His people (See vv. 4-6). His ministry was to call the people to repentance of their sins and to return to righteousness even obedience to the commands of the Lord. Many were coming to John from all walks of life and were convicted of his teachings about repentance and obedience to the Lord. And since they knew about the Christ, these people were thinking that perhaps John was the Christ who was to come. But as John himself had declared he was not the Christ but instead he pointed people to Jesus.

## **2) John POINTS the people to Jesus as the Christ (vv. 21-37).**

John clearly and plainly told the people, “I baptize you with water. But the more powerful than I will come, the thongs of his sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire...” (vv. 14-16). When Jesus came to John to be baptized, John at first would not do it knowing who Jesus was. But after Jesus explained that it should take place for righteousness’ sake, John consented (See Matt. 3:13-17). And heaven affirmed that Jesus indeed was the Son of God and that the Father was pleased in Him (vv. 21-23). Then, Luke recorded the genealogy of Jesus which goes back to God making Jesus the “Son of God” (v. 38).

### **POINTS TO PONDER:**

**1) The Lord our God has a definite CALLING & PURPOSE for our life as His children/people. Like John, let us diligently pursue His plan and will for our life. Let us be faithful steward of the gifts, opportunities, and resources He has given us!**

**2) The Lord our God desires that whatever may be our calling and lot in this life, we are to be FAITHFUL in POINTING people to JESUS as the Way, the Truth, and the Life!**

### **PRAYER:**

**“Our heavenly Father, teach us to be FAITHFUL STEWARD of Yours. Like John mold and shape us to be FAITHFUL AND DILIGENT in fulfilling Your will and purpose for our life and that Your over-arching will for us is to POINT people to Jesus as the Christ, our Savior and Lord. Lord, may You be glorified and magnified in my life as in the life of John the Baptist. All these I pray in Jesus’ Name I pray, Amen!”**

## **JESUS FULFILLS HIS MISSION!**

This chapter is highlighted by the temptation of Jesus as He starts His public ministry and His proclamation of the fulfillment of the sacred scriptures regarding the Messiah. Taking cue from Isaiah's prophecy, Jesus fulfills His mission as the Messiah, the Son of God!

### **1) *Jesus DISCARDS Satan's various temptations (vv. 1-13).***

The apostle John said that "The reason the Son of Man (Jesus) appeared was to destroy the devil's works" (1 John 3:8). We see this precisely in this chapter where Jesus first discarded Satan's various temptations to cause our Lord Jesus to sin against the Lord. He used the temptation of physical needs, wealth and power, and testing God; but Jesus rejected Satan. Note that Satan used even the Word of God to tempt Jesus and likewise Jesus clearly used the Word of God to deflect Satan's evil schemes. Thus, if Satan knew the Word and Jesus used it to overcome Satan's temptations, I need to be equipped in the Word of God! Indeed, Paul was right when he declared that the Word is the Sword of the Spirit; it is one of our valuable weapons of spiritual warfare.



## **2) *The people of Nazareth, his home town, DRIVES OUT Jesus in their midst (vv. 14-30).***

At this time Jesus was already popular throughout the whole countryside and He decided to visit His hometown of Nazareth where he grew up. As usual Jesus went to the synagogue to teach and preach the Good News. He read Isaiah 61:1-2 and declared that the scripture He just read was fulfilled at that very hour. The people were amazed at the gracious words that were coming from His mouth but people began saying that Jesus was just one of their own people and the son of Joseph, the carpenter. Sensing their unbelief and knowing that a prophet is not welcome in his own town, Jesus told them about the story of Elijah and the widow of Zarephath and Elisha and Naaman. But instead of being grateful that Jesus was in their midst, the pride of the people were offended with these stories and they drove out Jesus away from their town even trying to throw Him in a cliff. But Jesus escaped them and proceeded to another town.

## **3) *Jesus DELIVERS people from demons and diseases (vv. 31-44).***

In Capernaum, Jesus taught in the synagogue and people were drawn to His teaching because He taught with authority. He even drove out an evil spirit from a demon-possessed man and the people were amazed at His power and news about Him spread to the surrounding area. So, the people would go to Jesus and bring their sick loved ones and those who are demon-possessed. And Jesus would deliver them from their sickness and infirmities as well as drive out demons. But Jesus kept on telling these demons not to tell who He is because they know that He was the Messiah, the Son of God (See vv. 40-41). So, Jesus went about preaching the Good News and delivering people from sickness and demons.

## **POINTS TO PONDER:**

**1) The Word of the Lord is a STRONG WEAPON in spiritual warfare! It is the Sword of the Spirit and has divine powers to defeat Satan and His minions! Let's be equipped in the Word!**

**2) The Arm of the Lord is SOVEREIGN! He will have mercy on whom He will have mercy and show compassion on whom He will show compassion. Let us humbly bow down to Him and submit to His Lordship and Leadership over our life!**

**3) The Work of the Lord is GOING ON in the Church! Let us faithfully fulfill the Great Commission and be an active part of His church in reaching out to the lost and setting people free from Satan's bondage!**

#### **PRAYER:**

**“Our heavenly Father, THANK YOU for Jesus the LIVING WORD and for the BIBLE, Your WRITTEN WORD! Teach me Your Word and let Your Word come alive in my life that people will see Your work of transformation in my life. Lord, mold me to be faithful in fulfilling Your Great Commission. And move Your Church to do the same. Lord, may You find us faithfully seeking the lost and setting people free from Satan's clutches. All these I pray in Jesus' Name I pray, Amen!”**

## **JESUS THE DISCIPLEMAKER & HEALER!**

In this chapter our Lord Jesus called the first disciples and clearly set forth before them on the outset what they will do in His kingdom. Jesus also demonstrated His power to heal and clearly stated His purpose to introduce a “new wine” in Israel.

### **1) Jesus ASK men to become His disciples! (vv. 1-11, 27-31)**

Luke 4 described to us the calling of the first disciples particularly Peter, Andrew, John and James as well as Matthew or Levi. It centers on Peter and his companions who worked all night but did not catch any single fish! But when Jesus who happens to be there in the seashore of Galilee teaching the people, told them to throw their net in one place, they consented and were astonished with the large number of fish they caught. This prompted Peter to confess before Jesus that he was a sinful man (Perhaps, he doubted the word of Jesus!) and told Jesus to go away from him. But Jesus instead challenged him and his companions to follow Him and become His disciples. Note how Jesus told them their very job description in a way that they will never miss to understand nor forget: *“Don’t be afraid; from now on you will catch men”* (v. 10). In Matthew, Jesus told them: *“I*

*will make you fishers of men!”* (Matt. 4:19). The same was true of Matthew or Levi. In the midst of his tax collecting work, Jesus challenged him and told him those powerful words: “FOLLOW ME!” (v. 27).

## **2) Jesus *AMAZES* the people with His healing power! (vv. 12-26)**

Jesus did not only ask men to be His disciples but He also amazes the people with His healing power. In vv. 12-16, Jesus healed a leper. Note the faith of the leper in Jesus and His power to heal and how willing the Lord in doing his request. Indeed, the Lord sees faith in our heart! This is also true of the healing of the paralytic in vv. 17-26. The passage says that Jesus “saw their faith” and because of that He willing healed this man and made him walk again. Jesus also emphasized to the people that He has the power to heal as well as to forgive sins which angered the religious leaders but amazed the people.

## **3) Jesus *ANSWERS* the question about fasting! (vv.33-39)**

Finally, Jesus answered the scribes and Pharisees’ question about why Jesus and His disciples were not fasting like the disciples of John. So, He told that He, like the bridegroom in a wedding, is still with the bride and their guests (that is still with His disciples and the people). In other words, there is nothing to fast about! But a time will come when Jesus will be gone and then the disciples will fast. Then Jesus taught them a very important principle— “A new wine must be placed in a new wineskin!” Jesus and His kingdom represent a “new wine” and it needs a “new wineskin” that is, a new people with new hearts! Jesus is looking for a people who will believe Him and puts their trust in His and His Word.

## **POINTS TO PONDER:**

**1) The Lord Jesus CALLED us to be FISHERS OF MEN.”  
A disciple and follower of Jesus is a “fisher of men.”  
Therefore, let us fulfill our job description. Let us win  
people and make them disciples of Christ!**

**2) The Lord Jesus CAME to be our COMPLETE  
HEALER! He alone could make us WHOLE again in  
spirit, soul and body. Let us trust Him to heal us  
wholistically!**

**3) The Lord Jesus CHALLENGES us to fully TRUST  
Him! He came to bring us the kingdom of God and He is  
the WAY in order to enter it. Let us place our faith in  
Him and fully obey His Word!**

**PRAYER:**

**“Our heavenly Father, thank You for giving us the  
great privilege to be Your DISCIPLES, TO BE “FISHERS  
OF MEN”! Indeed, it is a honor to be Your co-worker in  
winning men and making them Your disciples. Teach  
and empower us how to do this for Your glory. Lord,  
thank You also for healing us completely in Christ. We  
know that a time will come when we will be made perfect  
and we look forward to that in Your return. Father,  
indeed, teach us to fully trust in Jesus for He and His  
kingdom is the “new wine” that our heart must fully  
trust and surrender to. Lord, all these I pray in Jesus’  
Name. AMEN!”**

## **JESUS IS LOOKING FOR A BELIEVING & OBEDIENT HEART!**

Luke in this chapter shows us that Jesus is the Lord of the Sabbath. He is looking for people who will follow hard after Him and give Him not just a lip service but a heart service. He is looking for fruit in our character and obedience in our heart.

### **1) *Jesus CHALLENGES the teaching of the elders and scribes about the Sabbath (vv. 1-11).***

During one Sabbath day, some of the Pharisees saw that Jesus' disciples were picking grains and rubbing them with their hands in order to eat the kernel. So, they asked Jesus about this because they believed that they are breaking the Sabbath. Jesus answered by referring to an OT story when David and his men ate the bread of the temple that was only lawful for the priests to eat. Then, He told them that He is the Lord of the Sabbath. Again, in another Sabbath day, Jesus was teaching and there was a man who was paralyzed in his right arm. The scribes and religious leaders were there and were trying to catch Jesus do something wrong in order to accuse Him. Knowing this, Jesus asked the people, "I ask you, which is lawful on the

Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to destroy it?" Then, He told the man, "Stretch your arm!" And the man did so and he was healed! The religious leaders were angry with Jesus and discussed what they needed to do with Jesus. While these miracles amazed the hearts of many, it also hardened the hearts of some!

## **2) Jesus *CHOOSES* His 12 Apostles to assist Him in His ministry (vv. 12-16).**

At this time Jesus went up to a mountain and spent the whole night praying. Then, He went down and chose His 12 Apostles from His disciples and they will stay with Jesus for the rest of the time before Jesus die on the Cross. Note that after this, Jesus will be spending more time with these 12 disciples and that they will be involved in His ministry as hands-on trainees. Later, we will learn that these 12 men (except Judas and to be replaced with Mathias) will be the ones that Lord will use to spread Christianity in the known world at that time.

## **3) Jesus *CONDUCTS* a solid *TEACHING* time with His disciples (vv. 17-49).**

From vv. 17-19, we learned that our Lord Jesus taught the people and healed them of all their disease and delivered them from demonic spirits. Then in vv. 20-49, Jesus gave His disciples a solid teaching on who are indeed the followers and disciples of the Lord Jesus. Jesus emphasized that they would be known by their inward rather than external qualities. They are not merely serving the Lord with their lips but by their hearts. Our Lord Jesus ended this teaching session by the parable of the two builders emphasizing the importance of applying the Word of God into our hearts and our practical daily life. That they are not just to be merely hearers of the Word but doers of the Word of God!

## **POINTS TO PONDER:**

**1) The Lord Jesus is the Lord of the Sabbath! Sabbath was created to serve the Lord and man. We can do good in Sabbath and glorify the Lord in this!**

**2) The Lord Jesus has ordained that His work be completed by His Church or His people. Thus, we are God's co-workers in the vineyard. He expects us to faithfully fulfill the Great Commission! (Matt. 28:18-20).**

**3) The Lord Jesus is after our hearts! He LOOKING for people who will trust Him and obey His Word with all their heart! Followers who will not just be HEARERS but DOERS of His Word!**

#### **PRAYER:**

**“Our heavenly Father, THANK YOU for making us the APPLE OF YOUR EYE! All things are created to serve and worship You. You are our GLORIOUS & GOOD GOD! Thank You for CHOSSING me to be a part of Your Church. Lord, mold me and conform me to Jesus' image and continue to unfold to me Your plan and purpose for my life. Teach me to trust and obey Your Word and serve You with my whole heart and being. All these I pray in Jesus' Name I pray, Amen!”**



## **JESUS IS LOOKING FOR OUR FAITH & LOVE!**

Luke highlights in this chapter the unquestioning faith of the centurion and the extravagant love of a sinful woman to our Lord Jesus. The Lord is looking for those who will have the same faith and love for Him.

### **1) Jesus *VALUES* the human life (vv. 1-17).**

One day in Capernaum, Jesus was approached by some elders of the Jews to come to a centurion's house whose servant was in a critical condition and was going to die. The centurion heard of Jesus' power to heal and asked these leaders to request Jesus to come and heal his most beloved servant. But before coming to his house, the centurion already sent some of his men to Jesus and company to tell Jesus that he doesn't have to go and enter his house; but to just say the 'word' and his servant would be healed. He further told other things to convince Jesus that he believes in Him. After hearing this, Jesus was amazed at the centurion's faith in Him and He did heal his servant because of this. Our Lord is looking for such kind of faith!

### **2) Jesus *VALIDATES* John's ministry (vv. 18-35).**

Then some of John the Baptist sent two of his disciples to Jesus to inquire if he was the Messiah or should they expect another one. Jesus told them to tell John what they have seen there (at that time Jesus was doing various miraculous healings of many people with various diseases and preaching the Good News). When they left, Jesus spoke to the people about John. Jesus pointed out that John was the One the prophet Isaiah predicted who will prepare the way for Him (v. 27; Mal. 3:1; cf. Isa. 40:3). Jesus validated John's ministry and declared him to be the greatest man born of women but that the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he (v. 28). John was a faithful servant but we could be a more faithful servant than him!

### **3) Jesus VINDICATES a sinful woman's conduct (vv. 36-50).**

Now, a Pharisee named Simon invited Jesus to a dinner and when they were reclining in the table there came a woman (known to the town people as one who lived a sinful lifestyle) who brought an alabaster jar of perfume and she stood behind Jesus. He began weeping at his feet and then wiping them with her hair and kissing them. Then, she poured out the perfume over Jesus. When Simon saw this, he thought of evil about Jesus. But the Lord knew this so He called Simon's attention and He told him a parable. The parable was about two persons whose sins were forgiven. And Jesus pointed to Simon that he loved Him little because his sins were little but the woman loved Him much because her sins were that much! And the Lord told the woman to go and sin no more! Our Lord Jesus is pleased with the demonstration of our extravagant love to Him!

### **POINTS TO PONDER:**

***1) The Lord Jesus is pleased with giving us life! He is the Giver and Source of our life. So let us praise Him and thank Him and worship Him as our Creator and Lord! Let us trust Him with our life!***

***2) The Lord Jesus is pleased with our faithful service! So let us use our spiritual gifts and abilities and resources to serve Him and fulfil His purpose for our life!***

***3) The Lord Jesus is pleased with the demonstration of our extravagant love for Him! So let us demonstrate a life of loving Him to the maximum and in an extravagant way!***

#### **PRAYER:**

***“Our heavenly Father, THANK YOU for this LIFE that You have given us! Lord, mold me and make me the faithful servant that You intended me to be. Lord, may You be pleased with my life and service to You. Lord, equip me and empower me to demonstrate my extravagant love for You in my own unique way. In Jesus’ Name I pray, Amen!”***

## **JESUS IS LORD OF ALL!**

In this chapter we see the Lord Jesus being the Sovereign Lord of all areas or aspects of this earthly life. He is Lord of lords and King of kings. He must either be the Lord of all our life or not at all!

### **1) *Jesus is LORD of the Word (vv. 1-18).***

One day Jesus taught the Parable of the Sower to the disciples and what it means. So the Lord Jesus explained the parable to them saying that the seed is the Word of God and it was sown into four kinds of soils or “hearts” (see v. 15). The Word of God will only bear fruit in the hearts of those who will hear it, retain it, and put it into practice. But it is interesting to note that Jesus said that the “knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of God has been given” to the disciples but not to others. To them the Lord will speak in parables. In effect, the Lord is saying that He is Lord of the Word! He will save those whom He will save. Or He will have mercy to those whom He will have mercy! Indeed, the Lord is Sovereign and man is responsible!

### **2) *Jesus is LORD over natural forces! (vv. 22-25).***

One day Jesus and His disciples rode on a boat and went to the other side of the lake. During their travel Jesus slept and then a squall or storm formed and began swamping the boat and the disciples were afraid. They woke up Jesus and told Him that they were going to drown! Jesus woke up and rebuked the storm and the sea was calm again. Then, He rebuked them, "Where is your faith?" Then, in fear and amazement, they asked each other, "Who is this that even the storm obeys Him?" Indeed, the Lord Jesus is Lord even of nature!

### **3) Jesus is LORD over demonic forces! (vv. 26-39).**

On the other side of lake in the region of Gerasenes, Jesus and His disciples were confronted by a demon-possessed man who had been living alone and could not be controlled anymore by the people for he was so strong. When this man saw Jesus, he fell at His feet and acknowledged Jesus as the Son of the most High God. When Jesus asked his name he gave the name "Legion" because the demons were so many inside the man. The demons begged Him not to torture them and send them into the Abyss. Instead, they requested that they be sent to the large herd of pigs in the region. Jesus permitted them and they went into the herd of pigs and they rushed down the steep bank into the lake and the pigs all drown. This was reported to the people of the town and they went to Jesus and found the man restored to his proper self but because of fear they pleaded Jesus to leave their place. The healed man wanted to go with Jesus but He instructed him to go to his people and tell them about the great deed the Lord had done for him and he did! Indeed, Jesus is Lord over all demonic forces!

### **4) Jesus is LORD over diseases and death! (vv. 40-56).**

After this, Jesus and His disciples was approached by Jairus, a ruler of a synagogue and fell at Jesus' feet and pleaded Him to come to him and heal his only daughter who was dying. So Jesus went with him and while they were on their way a large crowd of people keep on pressing and on

touching Jesus. A woman who was bleeding for 12 years was there and touched Jesus' cloak and she was healed immediately! Jesus stopped and asked who touched Him and they all denied it. But the woman sensing that the Lord knew about what she did told the Lord that she was the one. Then Jesus told her that her faith in Him healed her and He let go in peace.

But while Jesus was still speaking, someone came from Jairus' household and told him that her daughter was dead. Jesus told Jairus not to be afraid but to believe and she will be healed. So, when they arrived at Jairus' house, Jesus only asked Peter, James, and John and to come to Him with the parents and they went into her room. Jesus took the girl's hand and commanded her, "My child, get up!" And the girl did and she was alive and well! Jesus told her parents not to tell what they saw to anyone. Indeed, Jesus is Lord even over diseases and death!

## **POINTS TO PONDER:**

***1) The Lord Jesus is Lord of the Word! Let us not just be hearers but DOERS of the Word! Let us be the noble and good soil/hearts where God's Word will flourish and multiply a hundred and even a thousand times!***

***2) The Lord Jesus is LORD over natural forces! Let us trust Him to work out His divine plan and purpose for our life and this world we live in. Let us fix our eyes of faith in Him!***

***3) The Lord Jesus is LORD over demonic forces! Let us be aware that we are in a war and we have an enemy! Let us fight a good fight of faith and use every arsenal that is available for us to defeat our enemies!***

***4) The Lord Jesus is LORD over diseases and death! Let us not fear disease or death but fear the Lord who could send us to hell. Let us live our life fully trusting and obeying the WILL of the Lord over our lives!***

## PRAYER:

***“Our heavenly Father, INDEED, You are LORD of the WORD, You are Lord over nature, You are Lord over demonic forces and Lord over disease and death! Lord, mold and shape me to be the disciple and follower that You intended me to be. Lord, teach me to trust You fully and make You the Lord of every area of my life. For You are either Lord of all my life or not at all! In Jesus’ Name I pray, Amen!”***

## Luke 9

## Day 9

### **JESUS EMPOWERS THE TWELVE!**

In this chapter we see the Lord Jesus empowering the Twelve and sending them to do the ministry to the people. They were to drive out demons, to heal the sick, and to preach the Kingdom of God.

#### **1) Jesus COMMISSIONS the Twelve to minister (vv. 1-9).**

After He has chosen His Twelve Apostles, Jesus commissioned them to minister to the people. He gave them the power and authority to drive out demons, to heal the sick, and to preach the Kingdom of God. He sent them from village to village to minister to the people. Jesus empowers His people to be able to do the works of the ministry!

#### **2) Jesus CHALLENGES the Twelve’s faith (vv. 10-27).**

After they returned to Jesus, they went to a remote place to rest but the people learned about it and followed them. Jesus ministered to them and even healed those who were sick. When evening was coming, the Twelve told Jesus to dismiss the crowd so they could get lodging and food from the surrounding villages and towns. But Jesus told them to feed the people. They replied that they have only five loaves

and two fishes. Jesus commanded them to organized the people into groups of 50's each and let them sit down. There were about 5,000 men there. Then Jesus took the five loaves and two fishes and looked to heaven and blessed them and distributed them to the people. All ate and there were 12 basketfuls of leftovers. The Lord did an incredible miracle in their midst!

Jesus also tested the Twelve's understanding of who He was. He first asked them as to who the people think He was. And they said that some said that He was Elijah. Some said that He was John the Baptist, and others said that He was a prophet from the OT that has come to life. Then Jesus asked them, "How about you, who do you say I am?" Peter was the first to answer and he said that He was the Messiah, the Son of the Living God. And Luke added a call to discipleship to all who would follow and make Him their Savior and Lord (See vv. 23-27).

### **3) Jesus *CONFIDES* His glory to His "inner circle" (vv. 28-36).**

One day Jesus took Peter, James and John with Him and they came up to a mountain to pray. As Jesus was praying He was transfigured before them into a glorious appearance. They also saw Moses and Elijah talking to Jesus about His coming departure from Jerusalem! But they did not understand all these. Peter tried to let the two stay with them but a cloud covered them and they were afraid and they heard a voice saying, "*This is my Son whom I have chosen, listen to Him!*" Then, they saw Jesus alone and they kept this experience to themselves.

### **4) Jesus *CORRECTS* the Twelve's mistaken notion (vv. 37-62).**

In vv. 37-62, Jesus used these incidents to teach and correct the Twelve's wrong notion about things. When they went down from the mountain, they were met by a large crowd and a man from the crowd spoke about his demon-possessed son who was not able to be healed by His disciples. Jesus rebuked the evil spirit and healed the boy.



The other Gospel writers told us that the disciples asked Jesus why they could not drive out this spirit. Matthew noted that Jesus pointed to their lack of faith (Matt. 17:20ffg) and Mark noted that Jesus told them that this could be done only by pray and fasting (Mark 9:29). After this Jesus found the Twelve arguing as to who is greatest among them. So He called a child and using him as an illustration He told them that they must become like a child in their faith in Him and that the least among them shall be the greatest! For in God's economy, the first shall be the last and the last the first! Jesus also told them that those who were preaching His name and were not against them are for them! In vv. 51-54, Jesus showed that violence was not the way for His kingdom when the disciples suggested to Him to call fire from heaven to destroy the Samaritan village that refuse to help them.

#### **POINTS TO PONDER:**

- 1) The Lord Jesus EMPOWERS us to do the ministry! When He calls He empowers! Let us trust the Lord to empower us as we obey his commands and do His will!***
- 2) The Lord Jesus EXPECTS us to have faith in Him! He wants us to trust Him and obey His Word! Let us trust and obey the Lord!***
- 3) The Lord our God EXPLAINS Jesus to His people. He reveals His will & His Truths to us in His Word! We have to know His Word in order to know His will and His truths. Let us be diligent students of His Word!***

#### **PRAYER:**

***“Our heavenly Father, thank You for EMPOWERING us to do Your work and Your ministry. You REVEAL Your Son Jesus to us through Your Word and Your Holy Spirit who teaches us Your truths. Lord, make me a diligent student of Your Word, the Bible.***

***And teach me to be a DOER and not just a HEARER of Your Word. Remind me always that the only way to be happy in this life is to TRUST & OBEY YOU! In Jesus' Name I pray, Amen!"***

**Luke 10**

**Day 10**

### **JESUS, THE HARVEST, OUR NEIGHBOR, & THE WORD!**

In this chapter we see the Lord Jesus sending His disciples to proclaim the Good News. Here, Jesus also taught and pointed out to them who are their true neighbor. Lastly, Jesus exhorted them to impress His Word in their hearts.

#### ***1) The Need to INTERCEDE for more workers in the harvest! (vv. 1-24).***

Jesus here shows us a key strategy in winning a town or city for the Gospel. He sends seventy two of His disciples to every town or place where He wanted to preach the Good News and He assigns at least two disciples to go these places ahead of Him. He also gave them practical and spiritual principles on how they are to do it like what to look for prospects and how to behave or interact with the people of these places. One important principle is to look for the “man of peace” and stay in his house. Another is to live by faith and take nothing with them. But most important of all the Lord’s teachings here is the principle of prayer. The harvest is plentiful but they must be prayed for. We are to implore the Lord of the harvest to give us success in our harvest of souls (see vv. 2-4).

**2) *The Need to IDENTIFY who is our neighbor! (vv. 10-27).***

Another important teaching of the Lord Jesus in this chapter is the Parable of the Good Samaritan which taught and showed the disciples who is our true neighbor. By this story, Jesus corrected our wrong thinking and attitude concerning the people that we are to help and minister to. The Lord taught us that our “neighbors” are those who are in really need and are helpless. And that to be a good neighbor is to be like the Samaritan who even though the victim does not belong to race or people still gave the needed help to the victim. This victim is the “neighbor” that we are to love with our whole being as commanded by the Lord (Matt. 22:39-41).

**3) *The Need to IMPRESS God’s Word into our heart! (vv. 28-36).***

Finally, the Lord Jesus pointed out the importance of impressing God’s Word in our hearts. The story of Mary and Martha teaches us that not all things that we do are equal in spiritual value. The Lord said that Mary has chosen what is better – to sit at Jesus’ feet and listen to His Words! We are to prioritize our FIRST LOVE even our devotion to God through His Word and prayer. While there is nothing wrong with serving Jesus or doing thing for Him, prioritizing our FIRST LOVE is always a better choice.

**POINTS TO PONDER:**

**1) *The Lord Jesus WANTS us to INTERCEDE & PRAY for more workers in His harvest. So, let’s ask the Lord of the harvest to send more workers for the harvest!***

**2) *The Lord Jesus WANTS us to IDENTIFY our neighbor, the one who need to be saved or have eternal life! So let us deliberate know and meet the needs of people around us!***

**3) The Lord Jesus WANTS us to IMPRESS His Word in our heart! So let us give PRIORITY to the Word in our personal daily living!**

**PRAYER:**

***“Our heavenly Father, thank You for the privilege of being Your co-workers in Your Vineyard! I ask You now to thrust more workers in Your harvest. Teach us to be sensitive and deliberate in loving and winning people for Jesus. Lord, teach us to love Your Word and make it a PRIORITY in our daily living. All these I pray in JESUS’ Name! AMEN!”***

**Luke 11**

**Day 11**

## **JESUS & PRAYER, BEELZEBUB & THE SCRIBES!**

In this chapter we see the Lord Jesus teaching His disciples to pray and denouncing the hypocrisy of the religious leaders of His day.

### **1) Jesus DEMONSTRATES the PRINCIPLE of prayer to His disciples! (vv. 1-13).**

After observing the important role of prayer in the daily life of Jesus, His disciples asked Him to teach them to pray. And the Lord taught them what is commonly called the “Lord’s Prayer.” But we know that Jesus meant this prayer to be a model for the disciples to follow and emulate. Jesus taught them also to be persistent in their prayers; that is, they are not to easily give up in prayer for something through two parables (The persistent neighbor and the evil father giving good gifts to their children). Thus, Jesus wants us to be persistent and persevering in our prayers!

### **2) The people DEMANDS for a sign from Jesus (vv. 14-36).**

The Lord drove out an evil spirit from a mute man and he began to speak and the crowd was amazed. But some of them said that Jesus is driving out demons through the power of Beelzebub or the devil. Some still tested Jesus

and asked Him to give them a sign from heaven. But Jesus knowing their thoughts replied that Satan could not build his kingdom by dividing it! But only someone more powerful than Satan could defeat him and overcome his demons. And Jesus told them that He will not give them a sign but only that of Jonah. As Jonah was a sign to the Ninevites so Jesus will be a sign to their generations! Probably, Jesus could be referring to His death and resurrection for Jonah stayed in the fish's belly and was vomited and lived after three days!

### **3) Jesus *DENOUNCES* the hypocrisy of the Jewish religious leaders! (vv. 37-54).**

When a Pharisee invited Jesus to have dinner in his house, the Lord agreed and went with him. But Jesus did not follow the traditional practice of washing before taking the dinner and his host was surprised at this. But Jesus knowing this said to him that it is foolish just to clean the outside of the cup and not clean the inside also. Then Jesus denounces the religious leaders for their hypocrisy and pretensions. He told them that they were supposed the ones who should lead the people to know the Lord and obey His commands and entering His kingdom; and yet they were the very ones hindering their knowledge of the Lord! Because of this, these religious leaders began to oppose Him and plotted to catch Jesus say or do something wrong against the Law of the Lord.

### **POINTS TO PONDER:**

**1) *The Lord Jesus WANTS us to learn HOW TO PRAY EFFECTIVELY & POWERFULLY! So let us be persistent and patient in our prayer and believe that He answers our prayers and nothing is impossible to Him!***

**2) *The Lord Jesus WANTS us to KNOW that He is our SOVEREIGN/ALL POWERFUL GOD! So let us drive out***

***and overcome Satan and his minions' work in our life as well as in others' lives!***

***3) The Lord Jesus WANTS us to be HIS TRUE FOLLOWERS. He demands our whole heart to be fully devoted to Him! So let us FULLY SUBMIT & OBEY HIM and HIS WORD in our life!***

**PRAYER:**

***“Our heavenly Father, thank You for the privilege of PRAYER; that is, to be able to commune and talk to You every moment of our life. Father, You are so gracious that You gave us POWER to OVERCOME & DEFEAT SATAN and His demons in this life. By Your GRACE, through “Jesus in me” I can do all things! Lord, make me clean inside out by Jesus’ Blood and conform me to His image. All these in JESUS’ Name! AMEN!”***

## **FEAR JESUS, TRUST JESUS & SERVE JESUS!**

In this chapter, we see the Lord Jesus exhorting His disciples to focus their trust in Him and our Father in heaven. They are to fear the Lord, trust Him, and serve Him!

### ***1) Jesus EXHORTS His disciples to FEAR GOD and not men! (vv. 1-12).***

After warning His disciples of the teachings (yeast) of the Pharisees, Jesus exhorted His disciples to fear the Lord rather than men. He told them that men could only kill their body but the Lord could send their soul to hell. He further exhorted them to not be afraid to acknowledge Him before men for the Lord also would not acknowledge them before the Father and His angels. They were not to be afraid of what men will do to them but that they should fear the Lord only. The Holy Spirit will give them strength and power to endure and give them wisdom on what to speak when needed.

### ***2) Jesus EXHORTS His disciples to TRUST GOD and not their material possessions! (vv. 13-34).***

Also, when someone asked the Lord to intervene to divide their inheritance, the Lord warned His disciples to guard their hearts from all kinds of greed. He told them that *“a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his*

*possessions.*” They were not to be greedy for money or put their hope or trust in money or material possessions. He exhorted them not to worry for their needs but to trust the Lord. Instead, He commanded them to “SEEK FIRST HIS KINGDOM AND ALL THESE THINGS WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU AS WELL” (v. 31). Jesus assured them that our Father in heaven will take care of our needs as they place their trust in Him.

### **3) Jesus EXHORTS His disciples to SERVE GOD and not themselves! (vv. 35-48).**

Jesus also exhorted His disciples to focus on serving their King and His kingdom and not to serve themselves. The Lord expected them to be ready when He comes. He told them that since they do not know when He will come back again, they were to be always ready anticipating His coming so that He may find them faithful and true to their responsibility. For the Lord Jesus also warned them of the consequence of not being faithful and obedient to His command. He reminded them that judgment will begin in the household of the Lord (2 Cor. 5:9, 10) and that the Lord will reward them for their faithfulness to Him. As a principle the Lord said that the one “who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked” (v. 48).

### **POINTS TO PONDER:**

**1) The Lord Jesus DESIRES that we FEAR HIM alone and nothing else! He is the One who alone could send our soul to hell! So let us FEAR HIM above all!**

**2) The Lord Jesus DESIRES that we TRUST HIM with all our heart and not anything else! For He is our JEHOVAH JIREH! The God who PROVIDES! So let us place our full TRUST in Him alone!**



**3) The Lord Jesus DESIRES that we SERVE HIM faithfully as wait for His coming again! So let us be diligent and faithful servants of the Lord!**

## **PRAYER:**

***“Our heavenly Father, remind me always of these things. That You desire for me to FEAR You alone, to TRUST You totally and to SERVE You faithfully. Lord, mold and shape me and make me the servant that You intended me to be. In JESUS’ Name! AMEN!”***

**Luke 13**

**Day 13**

## **JESUS & THE KINGDOM OF GOD!**

In this chapter, we see the Lord Jesus talking about the Kingdom of God. He longs for His people to repent and to enter the Kingdom!

**1) Jesus LONGS for us to REPENT or we perish in our sin! (vv. 1-9).**

When asked about the Galileans who died with a terrible death, whether they were worse sinners because they suffered such death, Jesus told the people that, *“Unless all of you repent all of you will perish!”* So, we learned that we are not to compare ourselves with others but to realize that before the Lord we all should repent and turn away from our sins. He also taught the parable of the fig tree reminding us that we will all be accountable to all our actions in this life and will give an account to God!

**2) Jesus LONGS for us to be SET FREE from Satan’s bondage! (vv. 10-17).**

At this time, Jesus also released or healed a crippled woman who was held in bondage by an evil spirit for 18 years. But Jesus did the healing in a Sabbath and this angered the synagogue ruler. But Jesus rebuked this leader as well as the others by telling them that they too were

breaking the Sabbath when they untie their donkey or ox from the stall and lead them out to give them water. So Jesus exposed the wrongs of their religious leaders to the delight of the people who were there. Thus, Jesus teaches us that it is okay to do good deeds on the Sabbath!

### **3) *Jesus LONGS for us to ENTER the Kingdom of God! (vv. 18-35).***

We also see Jesus talking about the subtle but powerful force of the Kingdom of God permeating the lives of people through the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast. Then, Jesus reminded us that it is not that easy to enter the Kingdom for its door is “narrow” and many choose to enter the wide door but it leads to destruction! Here, we see Jesus longing for the Jews to enter the Kingdom but they would not. For unless they (and we now) recognize Jesus as the Messiah, our Savior and Lord, we will never be saved or enter God’s Kingdom!

### **POINTS TO PONDER:**

**1) *The Lord Jesus LONGS for all to REPENT, to forsake our sins, and to TURN TO GOD! So let us REPENT & TURN TO GOD or we, like the rest who refuse to repent, will perish in our sins!***

**2) *The Lord Jesus LONGS for all to be SET FREE from Satan’s bondage! So let us come to Jesus and ask Him to heal and set us free from all our strongholds!***

**3) *The Lord Jesus LONGS for all to ENTER THE NARROW DOOR! For this door leads to life but the wide door leads to death! So let us acknowledge JESUS as the Messiah, our Savior from our sins and make Him our Lord today!***

### **PRAYER:**

***“Our heavenly Father, thank You that you DESIRE for us to be SAVED! To be SET FREE from Satan’s trap and bondage, and to ENTER YOUR KINGDOM! Lord, THANK YOU for SAVING ME AND REVEALING to me Jesus, my Savior. Continue to show me my strongholds and set me free from them. Consecrate me that I may glorify and magnify You alone in my life. To You I give all praise and thanks and worship. In JESUS’ Name! AMEN!”***

**Luke 14**

**Day 14**

## **JESUS ON PRINCIPLES & REQUIREMENTS OF THE KINGDOM!**

In this chapter, we see the Lord Jesus continue to talk about the Kingdom of God. He also clearly laid out to the people following Him the requirements for being His disciple.

### ***1) Jesus teaches KEY PRINCIPLES of the Kingdom (vv. 1-24).***

When Jesus was invited to a dinner by one prominent Pharisee, he was carefully observed by the people. He deliberately used this occasion and opportunity to teach the people some principles in the Kingdom of God. The first was the priority of love or doing good, rather than keeping the Sabbath. Our Lord Jesus taught them that it is okay to do good on a Sabbath, to save a life and help others. Jesus also taught the people to pursue humility or a humble and lowly spirit but shun away from a proud or haughty spirit. He said that *“For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled; but who humbles himself will be exalted”* (v. 11). Jesus also taught them to do good to those who could never repay them but expect that the Father in heaven who knows it will reward them in due time!

## **2) Jesus teaches KEY REQUIREMENTS for being His disciple (vv. 25-35).**

And when large crowd were gathering to see Jesus, He turned to them and taught them the requirements of the kingdom. In these verses, our Lord clearly laid out to them the prerequisites of becoming and being His disciple. First, one must be willing to relinquish his most precious people (v. 26). Second, one must be willing to receive personal pain (v. 27). And third, one must be willing to renounce his private possessions (vv. 33). There is no doubt that Jesus demands total commitment and full surrender of our will to His will. He wants disciples and not just a fan club!

### **POINTS TO PONDER:**

***1) The Lord Jesus DELIGHTS in those who walks in humility and lowliness of spirit. So let us pursue a life of humility and exalt the Lord in our life!***

***2) The Lord Jesus DEMANDS our TOTAL COMMITMENT & FULL SURRENDER of our will to His will! So let us fully submit our will to the Lord's will!***

### **PRAYER:**

***“Our heavenly Father, indeed You oppose the proud but give grace to the humble. By Your grace and help, I choose to live in humility and lowliness of spirit. Knowing that You will be exalted in my life and You will exalt me in due time. Lord, mold me to be the faithful disciple that You desire me to be. To You I fully surrender my life. In JESUS' Name! AMEN!”***

**JESUS & THE HEART OF THE FATHER!**

In this chapter, we see the Lord Jesus revealing the heart of our Father in heaven. Our Father desires to see people repenting from their sins and returning to Him through faith and repentance.

***1) Our Father in heaven DESIRES that sinners repent from their sins!***

When the Pharisee and scribes were muttering that Jesus was ‘fellowshipping’ with sinners, the Lord began to tell them a series of parables (i.e., The Lost Sheep, The Lost Coin, and the Lost Son) that reveals the very heart of our Father in heaven. Through these stories Jesus showed us that the Father’s desire for sinners to come to repentance and return to Him. Notice that the Father was actively seeking the lost as indicated by the characters depicted in the stories (the Shepherd, the woman, and the Father). This was precisely the reason He came to this earth. As shown by that great passage, John 3:16, Jesus was sent by the Father so that through His death and resurrection, they could be saved as they placed their trust (“believe”) in Him. Indeed, Jesus himself said that He came to “*seek and save those who are lost.*”

## **2) *Our Father in heaven REJOICES over a sinner who repents!***

Also, these stories teach us that our Father is pleased every time a sinner repents and is saved. Another common thread in the three stories was the celebration following the finding of the “lost sheep”, the “coin,” and the “lost son.” Observe the gladness and joy of the “shepherd,” the “woman” and the “father.” We saw this particularly in the father who when he saw his son still a long way off, was filled with compassion and ran to him and embrace and kissed him. Then, he ordered that new robes be given his son and a ring and sandals, restoring his place in the family. Then, the father ordered to kill the fattened calf and to celebrate the return of his lost son. This showed us the joy of our heavenly Father every time a sinner repents. But not all were happy in the last story. The other son resents the action of the father and was not happy with the return of the lost son. Our Lord was showing the Pharisees and scribes (see 1-2) that they were this “other son.” Instead of rejoicing with our heavenly Father because sinners were returning to Him, they were not happy for it.

### **POINTS TO PONDER:**

**1) *The Lord Jesus is SEEKING the lost through the Gospel entrusted to His People, the Church! Let us JOIN the Lord Jesus through the Church in seeking and winning the lost or sinners through the Gospel of Christ!***

**2) *Our heavenly Father and our Lord Jesus is REJOICING the repentance of every sinner! Let us celebrate with the Father for the return of every sinner and welcome them gladly into our Church family!***

### **PRAYER:**

***“Our heavenly Father, You have shown us today the very desire of Your heart – the salvation of the lost! Lord, give us the same heart, the same compassion for the lost. Give us Your heart for sinners and use us as great channels of blessing to others. Makes me a useful and effective member of Your Body the Church to win the lost for Jesus Christ. All these I pray in JESUS’ Name! AMEN!”***

## **Luke 16**

## **Day 16**

### **JESUS & STEWARDSHIP**

In this chapter, we see the Lord Jesus teaching His disciples to be wise and faithful stewards on this earth and to be faithful only to serve Him and not Mammon. He also reminded them of the eternal riches that await those who were truly and faithfully hoping and trusting in Him.

#### ***1) Our Lord Jesus wants His disciples to be WISE & FAITHFUL STEWARDS in this world! (vv. 1-15).***

The Lord Jesus continued to teach His disciples parables to stress the importance of wise and faithful stewardship of their gifts, resources, and opportunities in this life. In the Parable of the Shrewd Manager, Jesus taught them to use their worldly wealth or riches to do good and win people for the kingdom. They were to be faithful in big as well as little things that had been entrusted to them. Jesus stressed this because their faithfulness in these things will be the very basis of their rewards in heaven (See vv. 10-12). Jesus also taught them that they could never serve two masters; that is, God and Mammon. They could only serve one or the other. In teaching this, Jesus was offending the

Pharisees who loved money. But Jesus told them that the Lord knows their hearts.

**2) Our Lord Jesus WANTS His disciples to put their HOPE & TRUST IN GOD and not in WORLDLY GOODS! (vv. 19-31).**

After this, Jesus followed up His teaching with another parable. Though Bible scholars are not in agreement as to the factualness of this story, the Rich Man and Lazarus teaches us the reality of eternal destinies as well as eternal rewards. I think that by telling this story the Lord Jesus wanted His people to place their trust and hope not in worldly goods but in the goodness of the Lord. Not to trust in the temporariness of earthly life and goods but in the faithfulness of God who promised eternal life and rewards to those who will trust and hope in Him. In a way, the Lord wants us to be faithful in preaching the Good News which is man's only true hope and salvation in the life to come.

#### **POINTS TO PONDER:**

**1) The Lord Jesus desires that we be WISE & FAITHFUL STEWARDS of His resources, gifts, and opportunities! So, let us be WISE & FAITHFUL Stewards of the Lord!**

**2) Our Lord Jesus desires that we fully put our HOPE & TRUST IN HIM ALONE and not in earthly goods! So let us fully place our hope and trust in the Lord only and exhorts others to do the same!**

#### **PRAYER:**

**“Our heavenly Father, You have made us Your STEWARDS & MANAGERS of Your creation as well as of the many gifts and abilities and resources in our life today. Lord, empower us to be Your WISE & FAITHFUL STEWARDS! Teach us to do Your will and that which**



*will please and glorify You the most. Lord, I put my HOPE & TRUST in You alone. I thank You and praise You and worship You for this great privilege You have given us. All these I pray in Jesus' Name! AMEN!"*

## **Luke 17**

## **Day 17**

### **JESUS & A LIFE OF FAITH!**

In this chapter, we see the Lord Jesus giving various instructions to His disciples and challenging them to fully place their trust and faith in Him and to live a life of faith.

#### **1) Our Lord Jesus teaches His disciples to be LOVING & FORGIVING! (vv. 1-10).**

The Lord Jesus continued to teach His disciples and here He taught them to be loving and forgiving of others. The Lord admonished them to live a life that encourages instead of discourages others to follow the Lord. They were to learn to forgive when a brother sins against them perfectly from the heart; that is, without limitation. Furthermore, they were to acknowledge that they were servants of the Lord and were expected to be obedient and submissive to their Master. And that all these could be done as they live by faith in the Lord, trusting Him to work in their life and to empower them!

#### **2) Our Lord Jesus teaches His disciples to be always GRATEFUL! (vv. 11-19).**

After this, as Jesus was going to Jerusalem he passed on a village and there were ten lepers who called out to Him and requested to be healed. So Jesus told them to go and present themselves to the priest. As they went they were healed. When one of them realized this, he went back to Jesus and thanked Him for the healing, but the rest did not return. And he was a Samaritan. So Jesus told him *“Are you not ten and only one return to glorify the Lord?”* So, Jesus taught His disciples that the Lord is glorified when we live a grateful life before Him!

### ***3) Our Lord Jesus teaches His disciples to LIVE BY FAITH! (vv. 20-37).***

When the Pharisees asked Jesus about the coming of the Kingdom of God, He told them that it will not come with signs to be observed. Moreover He told them that it has already come and is now in their midst! But you will only see it and enter it through faith in Jesus. Also, He told them that the Son of Man has to suffer first and be rejected by this generation and even die! But He will return and told them that His coming again will be like the days of Noah and the Lot. People were eating and drinking and not believing that destruction will come to them. Indeed, blessed are those who believe and wait on the Lord's coming for they will be blessed indeed!

### **POINTS TO PONDER:**

***1) The Lord Jesus desires that we be LOVING & FORGIVING! So let us live a life that is loving and forgiving.***

***2) The Lord Jesus desires that we be grateful to the Lord for everything! So Let us live a grateful life. Always giving praise and thanks to our Creator and Savior and Lord!***

**3) *The Lord Jesus desires that we live by faith and faithfully anticipating the return of the Lord and the establishing of His kingdom!***

## **PRAYER:**

***“Our heavenly Father, as Your people You desire that we live carefully in this world. Empower us indeed to live a life faith; loving and forgiving people and always being grateful for everything that You have given me as my Creator and Savior. Lord Jesus, may You be glorified and magnified in my life as I eagerly wait for Your return and may I be found faithful by You. All these I pray in Your Name! AMEN!”***

**Luke 18**

**Day 18**

## **JESUS & THE VALUE OF PERSISTENCE & HUMILITY!**

In this chapter, we see the Lord Jesus teaching His disciples to develop the character quality of being persistent and humble. He exhorts them to be put the Lord and His kingdom first in their life!

### ***1) Jesus teaches His disciples to be PERSISTENT in prayer! (vv. 1-8; 35-43).***

In the Parable of the Persistent Widow, the Lord Jesus taught His disciples to be persistent in their prayers. They are not to easily give up. Jesus emphasized that if this ‘unjust judge’ in the story was not able resist the persistence of the widow, how much more our Father in heaven if we come to Him with the same attitude and behavior. Jesus wants us to know that the Father is always listening to the prayers of His people; but it only those who are persistent and passionate about it received what they asked from Him. I believe this truth was also the point of the story of the blind beggar in vv. 35-43. The Lord took noticed of his

persistence and eagerness to receive what he wants and so according to his faith in Jesus, he was healed.

## ***2) Jesus teaches His disciples to live in HUMILITY and CHILD-LIKE FAITH! (vv. 9-17).***

On the other hand, the Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector showed us the Lord's desire that His children live in humility and lowliness of heart. Jesus contrasted the two persons, the way they approached the Lord or how they prayed to Him. Notice that their prayers gave away what was truly in their hearts. Their outside or external clothing and qualities and people's perception of them did not match the Lord evaluation of them. The Lord commended the sinner, the Tax Collector, but He rejected the "religious" Pharisee. Indeed, we could always fool people but not the Lord. There will come a time that our heart will be exposed and blessed are those who chose to pursue a life of humility and lowliness of heart before the Lord. Jesus followed this up with the illustration of the children who were coming to Him but which the disciples were preventing to happen. But Jesus called these children to come to Him and pointed out to the people that unless they become like these children they be could never enter the kingdom of God.

## ***3) Jesus teaches His disciples to forsake ALL but GOD! They are to seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness! (vv. 18-34).***

When a rich young ruler approached Jesus and asked what he must do to have eternal life, the Lord told him to forsake ALL and follow Him. As told by him, he had been obeying the commandments as a matter of obligation and not from a loving heart. Because when the Lord told him to sell all that he has and follow Him, he was sad and went away because he had many possessions. He values his possessions more than he values the Lord! The Lord made it clear that if we are to enter the kingdom of God, we must die to self and forsake ALL and surrender our life to Him. He must Lord of our life. We must seek first His kingdom and His righteousness! (Matt. 6:33).

## **POINTS TO PONDER:**

**1) The Lord Jesus wants us to be PERSISTENT in our prayers! So let us discipline ourselves to be persistent and patient in our prayers, not easily giving up but persevering until the Lord answers!**

**2) The Lord Jesus wants us to pursue a life of HUMILITY and CHILD-LIKE FAITH. We are to fully trust the Lord like a child trusts his father or mother. Let us fully place our trust and confidence in the Lord!**

**3) The Lord Jesus wants us to LOVE GOD with all our heart, all our soul, all our strength and all our mind. We are to FORSAKE ALL BUT GOD! So let us love the Lord with all our being!**

### **PRAYER:**

**“Our heavenly Father, You are a GRACIOUS & LOVING GOD! You are PRAYER-ANSWERING GOD! Mold us and shape us to be persistent and persevering in our prayer. Teach us continually to be humble in our walk with You in this life. Lord, show us that nothing will truly give us meaning and joy in this life but You! Teach us continually to forsake ALL but YOU! All these I pray in Jesus’ Name! AMEN!”**

## **JESUS & HIS KINGDOM!**

In this chapter, our Lord Jesus took note of the mistaken notion of His disciples about the coming Kingdom of God. Here, He also taught them to be wise and faithful stewards of the kingdom.

### **1) *Jesus defines the MISSION of the Kingdom! (vv. 1-10).***

In the story of Zacchaeus, the Lord showed His disciples His mission in coming to this world – “*to seek and save what was lost*” (v. 10). Our Lord Jesus took note of Zacchaeus who was considered one of those “sinners” and outcasts of the Jewish society for being a tax collector and “middleman” for the Roman government. But Zacchaeus’ demeanor demonstrated a thirst and hunger for God’s righteousness and Jesus recognized this for He knew his heart before he ever saw Him. Observe that Jesus called him by name even though this was the first time they met!

## **2) Jesus describes the NATURE of His Kingdom! (vv. 11-27).**

On the other hand, in the Parable of the Minas, Jesus described the nature of His kingdom. The reason for this was because Jesus knew that the people had a wrong notion of the coming kingdom of God (See v.11). But in v. 12, Jesus noted His 'dual return' and the parable was to show what the Lord expects from His "servants" whom He has commissioned to do the kingdom work. The parable showed us that Jesus expects wise and faithful stewardship from His people as they wait for His return. The parable clearly teaches that we will be rewarded according to our faithfulness to the task that He has given us.

## **3) Jesus demonstrates His LOVE FOR THE LOST! (vv. 28-48).**

We will also note here that Jesus' triumphal entry to Jerusalem demonstrated His love for the lost when He cried as He approached and entered the city. He also showed His zeal for God and His glory when He drove out all those who were doing business in the Temple. He reminded the people that the temple was originally intended to be a House of Prayer and that they were not to prevent people from coming, knowing, and worshiping the Lord. Notice also that while Jesus was consumed on how to save the lost people of Israel; the religious leaders were all planning how to kill Him.

### **POINTS TO PONDER:**

**1) The Lord Jesus came in this world with a clear MISSION - TO SEEK & SAVE THE LOST! So like Jesus let us like with the same mission – to seek and save the lost!**

**2) The Lord Jesus first came to be our SAVIOR & KING of our hearts! In His return He will come as JUDGE &**

***KING of kings and Lord of lords! So let us be wise and faithful SERVANTS of the LORD JESUS!***

***3) The Lord Jesus showed us the burden of His heart – His LOVE FOR THE LOST! So let us have the same burden of the Lord in our heart. Let us show love and compassion for the lost by sharing to them the Gospel of Christ!***

**PRAYER:**

***“Our heavenly Father, You are a GRACIOUS & LOVING GOD! You sent us Your Son JESUS to seek and to save us! In Jesus, we saw Your heart for the lost and taught us to have the same burden for them. Lord, indeed, mold and break our heart on the things that break Your heart. Lord, give us Your heart for the lost and use us for Your honor and glory. All these I pray in Jesus’ Name! AMEN!”***

**Luke 20**

**Day 20**

## **JESUS & HIS ENEMIES!**

In this chapter, our Lord Jesus confronted the Jewish religious leaders who were questioning His authority to teach the people in the Temple. He silenced them by answering their queries and by doing so further intensified their desire to kill Him.

### ***1) Jesus SILENCES the Jewish religious leaders who were questioning His authority! (vv. 1-10).***

When the religious leaders tried to question Jesus’ authority to preach and teach the people, He replied by asking them a question about John the Baptist, whether his authority is from God or from men. After consulting with each other they answered that they do not know where it came from. So Jesus told them that He will also not tell them where His authority came from. Then, He told them the Parable of the Tenants where Jesus taught that the Father will reject the ‘unfaithful tenants’ and give the vineyard to



others. Jesus also taught them about the “*stone that the builders rejected but has become the capstone*” referring to Himself being rejected by the religious authorities but will be the very foundation of the Church of God. Sensing that He was speaking to them through this parable, the religious leaders wanted to arrest Him but they were afraid of the people.

**2) Jesus *SQUASHES* the questions raised by the religious leaders to frame Jesus! (vv. 11-27).**

Jesus also stopped the religious leaders from questioning Him when those they sent to raise questions to frame Jesus were all shut off by Jesus' answers. When asked if it is right to pay taxes to Caesar, Jesus said, “*Give to Caesar what is due Caesar and to God what is due Him.*” Then, when the Sadducees questioned Jesus about the resurrection, He told them that they don't know the scriptures and the power of God. There is no more marriage in heaven. He told them that God is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He is not the God of the dead but of the living. After these no one dared to ask Him any more question. But He warned the people about the scribes and teachers of the law. They are to obey what they teach about the Law but not follow their example or deeds.

**POINTS TO PONDER:**

**1) *The Lord Jesus was QUESTIONED & EVEN REJECTED by men. But He was able to OVERCOME them by the SOVEREIGN POWER & PROTECTION of the Father. So we are to expect opposition but the Lord our God will deliver us from our enemies.***

**2) *The Lord Jesus was QUESTIONED by His enemies. But He was able to QUASH their questions by the TRUTH OF HIS WORD. So we are to be equipped in the Word of God!***

## PRAYER:

***“Our heavenly Father, You predicted and said that men will oppose us when we speak for Jesus and His righteousness. But You promised Your protection and guidance through Your Word and the Holy Spirit. Lord, we claim Your Spirit who will give protection and wisdom to us when we speak Your Word boldly. Mold us and embolden us to teach and proclaim Your Good News of hope and salvation in Christ. To set people free from lies and deception of Satan and his minions. All these I pray in Jesus’ Name! AMEN!”***

**Luke 21**

**Day 21**

### **JESUS & HIS SECOND COMING!**

In this chapter, our Lord Jesus discussed with His disciples His Second Coming. He predicted the things that will take place in the future including Israel. He exhorted them to be ready, watchful and faithful to the Lord.

#### ***1) Jesus EXPLAINS the SIGNS of the End of the Age & the Time of His Second Coming (vv. 1-28).***

When His disciples asked Jesus when will the judgment come to the nation Israel and the rest of the world, He clearly did not give any specific time or date but predicted the things that will take place in the future and gave several signs of the time of His coming again. One is the rise of false christs and prophets (v. 8). Second are wars and revolutions. Third are natural and man-made calamities (v. 11). Fourth is persecution of the Name and His believers (vv. 12-19). Fifth is Israel being attacked by nations (vv. 20-24). Sixth and last will be the cosmic signs. Jesus told them

that these things must happen first before He will come in all His power and glory.

**2) Jesus EXHORTS His disciples to be WATCHFUL, CAREFUL, & FAITHFUL as they wait for Him (vv. 29-38).**

Jesus then gave a parable teaching them to be always ready and watchful as they wait for these things to happen and for the coming of the Lord. He also exhorts them to be careful how they live their lives so that their hearts will not be tempted and trapped by dissipation, worries, and anxieties of this life. Jesus exhorts them to be always watchful and prayerful as they wait for these and Jesus' coming and to be faithful to Him so that they could stand confidently and not be ashamed when we stand before the Lord when He comes.

**POINTS TO PONDER:**

**1) The Lord Jesus is COMING AGAIN! We are actually seeing some of the signs that He predicted will happen before He comes. So let us TRUST HIM & HIS WORD!**

**2) The Lord Jesus gave no specific date of His Return but SIGNS. So let us be always watchful for these things, be careful how we live our life, and be faithful to the Lord until He comes!**

**PRAYER:**

***“Our Dear Jesus, You promised to return and to take us to be with You and eternally enjoy Your fellowship in heaven! Lord, I place my full trust and hope and confidence in Your Word. I believe it. Lord, teach me also to be always watchful for these signs, to be careful how I live, and to be faithful to You as I wait***

***for Your coming again. All these I pray in Your Name!  
AMEN!"***

**Luke 22**

**Day 22**

### **JESUS & HIS LAST WEEK!**

In this chapter, our Lord Jesus faced some of His most painful experiences. Judas betrayed Him, Peter denied Him, and His disciples abandoned Him. Yet He faced them all for you and me. Indeed, His love for us is amazing!

#### ***1) Judas BETRAYS Jesus and Peter DENIES Him! (vv. 1-6, 47; 53-65).***

Judas, prompted by Satan, went to the Jewish authorities to discuss how they could arrest Jesus privately. They welcomed Judas and bribed him to betray Jesus into their hands. Judas agreed to do it for thirty silver coins. And so he looked for opportunity to do it. And so when the opportunity came, a crowd led by Judas arrested Jesus and took Him away. Later, we also saw Peter denying the Lord after he tried to follow Him in the High Priest's house. Some were able to recognize him as one of Jesus' disciples but Peter denied this three times. Then the cock crowed and he

remembered the words of the Lord that he will deny Him three times. Here we learned that people we minister to has the capacity to hurt us. They will cause us pain but that is the cost of following Jesus and making Him Lord of our life!

## **2) Jesus KNOWS Judas and Peter' hearts! (vv. 20-23; 31-32).**

But what was amazing about these things was the fact that Jesus knew the hearts of Judas and Peter. He knew the hearts of men! (Jn. 2: 24, 25). Jesus knew that Judas will betray Him and in fact, had been telling His disciples that one of them will betray Him (see vv. 20-23). He knew the heart of Judas from the very beginning and that it was greed for money that got the best of him at the end of the day. And Satan took advantage of this weakness or stronghold and caused him to sell Jesus to the authorities. For Peter the Lord knew that he will deny him when the time comes. But the Lord also knew that his heart truly loves Him but that his heart will be greatly molded by this crisis that he will face. The Lord told us that He has prayed for Peter and that he will recover from this defeat and will strengthen his brethren (vv. 31-32). Jesus has to humble Peter and all of us for us to see how deceitful and wicked our hearts and we are not to trust in ourselves but in the Lord alone. And we have seen the transformation of Peter after this incident and how he became as bold as a lion in preaching the first public Christian sermon in Acts 2. Thus, it is the Lord's grace and power which is the true source of our victory over temptation and trials and troubles in this world!

## **POINTS TO PONDER:**

**1) The Lord Jesus is our STRENGTH & SUSTAINER! Ministry will hurt us because ministry is about people. But the Lord and His grace will sustain and strengthen us! Let us fix our eyes on Jesus and not on the things of this world!**

**2) The Lord Jesus is our SOVEREIGN & OMNISCIENT GOD! He knows people and He knows you & me! Let us fully give our heart to Jesus for He alones knows it and can heal and change it!**

## **PRAYER:**

***“Our heavenly Father, You are our Sovereign and OMNISCIENT God! You know our hurts and our hearts. Heal our heart, change our heart and conform it to Jesus’ heart. Lord, mold and transform me to be the servant leader and follower that You desire me to be. In Jesus’ Name I pray. AMEN!”***

**Luke 23**

**Day 23**

## **JESUS & HIS LAST DAY ON EARTH!**

In this chapter, the Gospel writer, Luke, records and describes the last day of the Lord Jesus on earth.

Amazingly, Jesus spent this day still dispensing grace and mercy to sinners!

### **1) Jesus before Pilate & Herod: Composed & Truthful! (22:60-71; 23:1-25).**

It is worth noting the composure of Jesus during his last days on this earth. Here, before Pilate and Herod, Jesus demonstrated composure and truthfulness. When asked who He was and if He was the Messiah or the Son of God, Jesus answered “Yes” (See 22:70 & 23:3). On the other hand, Pilate and Herod even though they knew from their conscience that Jesus was innocent of all the charges the people were accusing Him would not dare stand for the Truth. It only showed clearly that they feared men more than God. May the Lord help us to be men of integrity and truth!

## **2) *Jesus at the Cross: Compassionate & Forgiving!* (23: 26-43).**

Notice that there was no struggle in Jesus as He underwent His ordeal at the hands of wicked men. There was no complaint or attitude of hate in Jesus but amazingly there was only love and mercy! Jesus was experiencing the most painful time of His life but He was still showing compassion and mercy to sinners. Note that Jesus told the women and the people following Him not to weep for Him but for themselves. Then, note also the first words that came out from Jesus' lips at Cross was to ask the Father to forgive the people for they don't know what they were doing. Finally, before dying He forgave one of the criminal crucified with Him and promised him paradise or eternal life. May the Lord give us such kind and loving heart for others!

## **3) *Jesus at Death: Calm & Trusting!* (23: 44-49).**

Finally, Jesus sensing death is coming entrusted Himself to the Father and breathed His last. At death Jesus was calm and trusting! He knew where He came from and where He will be going to – His Father in heaven who loved Him and loved us all who also trusted Jesus as Savior and Lord. May the Lord open our eyes of faith and see the blessed assurance that we have in Christ Jesus as our Savior!

## **POINTS TO PONDER:**

**1) *The Lord Jesus Christ is the FAITHFUL & TRUE GOD! He is not only the Way and the Life but the Truth! Let us believe Him and put our confidence in His Word.***

**2) *The Lord our God is our LOVING, COMPASSIONATE & FORGIVING GOD! In Jesus, we saw all these attributes as well. Let us come to Him in faith believing that He will never reject us but will accept and forgive us as we come in faith and humility to Him!***

**3) The Lord our God is TRUSTWORTHY! We can rely on Him and entrust our life to Him! Let us fully place our trust in the Lord and His Word or Promises!**

#### **PRAYER:**

***“Our heavenly Father, in JESUS CHRIST our Savior, we see WHO YOU ARE! You are our FAITHFUL, TRUE, COMPASSIONATE, LOVING & TRUSTWORTHY GOD! YOU ARE AWESOME & AMAZING! Teach us to be like Jesus in His action and attitude when He once lived on this earth. Mold and shape us to trust You and Your Word just like Jesus trusted You and Your Word. In Jesus’ Name I pray all these. AMEN!”***

**Luke 24**

**Day 24**

#### **JESUS & HIS RESURRECTION!**

Here the Gospel writer, Luke, concludes his Gospel with the account of the appearances of the risen Jesus to His disciples. The risen Lord has to open their spiritual eyes to understand what was taking place and that by rising from the dead Jesus had fulfilled all OT prophecies about Him.

##### **1) The risen Lord Jesus EXPOSES Himself to His disciples! (vv. 1-12; 30-32; 36-49).**

It is very clear from the narrative that the disciples did not fully understand Jesus’ words when He told them before that He would die and rose again from the dead. It took the angels of the Lord to tell the women who came to see Jesus that first Easter morning that Jesus is alive! (See vv. 6-8). In fact, even after being told about this, when these women told the others about what the angels told them, they still could not understand. The risen Lord also appeared to the two disciples walking towards Emmaus discussing and being disappointed about what happened to their Messiah. He



walked and talked with them until He revealed Himself to them. Finally, the risen Lord appeared to the rest of the disciples because many of them had not yet believed that He has risen from the dead.

**2) *The risen Lord Jesus EXPLAINS Himself to His disciples! (vv. 6-8; 25-27; 45-53).***

Notice that only after the Lord had opened their spiritual eyes to the Scriptures that they understood His words and what had happened to Him. In v. 8, it says that after the angels reminded the women of the words of the Lord, they “remembered His words.” Then, in vv. 25-27, we saw the risen Lord explaining the Scriptures to the two disciples and v. 31 say that *“their eyes were opened and they recognized Him...”* And when the risen Lord appeared to all the disciples, v. 45 says that He *“opened their minds so they could understand the scriptures.”* Indeed, apart from the Lord and His grace, we could never know Him in our own. Indeed, even today we need His Spirit to help us understand His Word and to rely on Him for wisdom and understanding His will for our life.

**POINTS TO PONDER:**

**1) *The Lord Jesus is our RISEN SAVIOR & LORD! He is the MESSIAH who was proclaimed in the OT and fulfilled all prophecies about Him. Let us praise Him, worship Him, and serve Him with all our being!***

**2) *The Lord Jesus is our LIVING WORD & ETERNAL LIFE! He who believes in Him and His Word will be saved and live forevermore! Let us believe His Word and hold on to His promises until He comes!***

**PRAYER:**

***“Our heavenly Father, thank You for JESUS, THE MESSIAH, OUR SAVIOR & LORD! Thank You for***