

# THE GOSPEL OF LUKE: God's Promise for All Peoples

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The Gospel of Luke tells the story of Jesus in a unique and captivating way. As Luke tells the story faith is not so much a possession as a journey of discovery and discipleship. Touched by God's grace, the lives of God's people, and our lives, intersect with others and the world in which we live in surprising ways. As we explore the special themes of Luke's narrative we will see the way each of our faith stories is continually shaped by our hearing of this story within a community of faith and within an expectant world.

## Session 4 "The Necessity of God's Promises"—Jesus' Passion and Resurrection, Luke 20-24 Passion Story Follows Mark's Outline – Resurrection Account Unique

### OUTLINE OF LUKE

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| I.     | Preface: Statement of purpose: 1:1-4  | <i>That you may know the truth...1.4</i>         |
| II.    | Birth and Infancy Narrative: 1:5-2:52                                       | <i>Today a Savior born for you...2.11</i>        |
| III.   | Preparation for Ministry: 3:1-4:13<br>John / Baptism/ Genealogy/ Temptation | <i>All flesh shall see God's Salvation...3.6</i> |
| IV.    | Ministry in Galilee: 4:14-9:50  | <i>Anointed to bring good news...4.18</i>        |
| V.     | Journey to Jerusalem - "Lukan Travel Narrative":<br>9:51-19:48              | <i>His face set for Jerusalem...9.51</i>         |
| VI.    | Ministry in Jerusalem before Passion: 20-21                                 | <i>The kingdom of God is near...21.31</i>        |
| VII.   | Passion and Death. 22-23  | <i>Truly, this man was righteous...23:47</i>     |
| VIII.. | Resurrection Narrative: 24  | <i>Forgiveness for all nations...24.47</i>       |

### Unique to Luke in this Section

The Reason for Peter's Denial	22:31-32	Sayings Associated with Jesus' Death	23:28-31,34, 43, 46
The Two Swords	22:35-38	Appearance on the Road to Emmaus	24:13-35
Jesus before Herod	23:6-12	Appearance to the Disciples	24:36-49
Pilate Declares Jesus Innocent	23:13-16	The Ascension	24:50-53

A. Teaching In Jerusalem Before the Passion: "By what authority are you doing these things? "Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape" 20-21

B. The Plot to Kill Jesus at the Passover "The Son of Man goes as it is determined, but woe to the one by whom he is betrayed" 22:22

C. Jesus Prays in the Garden: "Pray that you not come into the time of trial" 22:46

D. Arrest and Trials Before Pilate & Herod: "I have not found this man guilty of any of your charges" 23:14

E. Crucifixion and Death "Father, forgive them; Today you will be with me in Paradise; Father into your hands I commend my spirit; this man was innocent" 23:33-49

F. Resurrection: Women at the Tomb: "But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them." 24:11

G. Two on the Road to Emmaus: "Were not our hearts burning within us" 24:32

H. Jesus Appears & Commissions Disciples: "These are my words...that repentance for the forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations; you are witnesses" 24:44-49

I. Ascension of Jesus: "They worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy." 24:52

## **The Gospel of Luke - Selections: Part 4**

### **VI. In Jerusalem Before the Passion**

**21:**5 When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, 6 "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." 7 They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" 8 And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them...."

34-38 "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, 35 like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. 36 Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man." 37 Every day he was teaching in the temple, and at night he would go out and spend the night on the Mount of Olives, as it was called. 38 And all the people would get up early in the morning to listen to him in the temple.

### **VII. Passion and Death**

**22:**1 Now the festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was near. 2 The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to death, for they were afraid of the people. 3 Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve; 4 he went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers of the temple police about how he might betray him to them. 5 They were greatly pleased and agreed to give him money. 6 So he consented and began to look for an opportunity to betray him to them when no crowd was present.

21 But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. 22 For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!" 23 Then they began to ask one another, which one of them it could be who would do this....

41 Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, 42 "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done." 43 Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. 44 In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. 45 When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, 46 and he said to them,

"Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

**23:**13 Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, 14 and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. 15 Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. 16 I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

33 When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. 34 Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."...

42 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." 43 He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.".... 46 Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. 47 When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." 48 And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. 49 But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things....

55 The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. 56 Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments. On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

### **VIII. Resurrection**

**24:**1 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. 2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3 but when they went in, they did not find the body. 4 While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. 5 The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. 6 Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, 7 that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." 8 Then they remembered his words,

9 and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. 10 Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles.

11 But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.

12 But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

13 Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, 14 and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. 15 While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, 16 but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 17 And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. 18 Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" 19 He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20 and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. 21 But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. 22 Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, 23 and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. 24 Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him."

25 Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! 26 Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" 27 Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. 28 As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. 29 But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. 30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it,

and gave it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. 32 They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?"

33 That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. 34 They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" 35 Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

36 While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." 37 They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. 38 He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? 39 Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." 40 And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. 41 While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" 42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish, 43 and he took it and ate in their presence.

44 Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, 46 and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

### **Ascension of Jesus**

50 Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. 51 While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. 52 And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; 53 and they were continually in the temple blessing God.