

# 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 3 "Today is the Day of Salvation"—Jesus Journey to Jerusalem, Luke 9:51-19:48 Unique "Journey Structure" & Much Uniquely Lukan Material

### OUTLINE OF LUKE

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### Unique to Luke in this Section

Rejection by Samaritan Village	9:51-56	Parable of Lost Coin	15:8-10
Return of the Seventy	10:17-20	Parable of Lost Son	15:11-32
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Mary and Martha	10:38-42	Parable of Rich Man and Lazarus	16:19-31
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A. On the Way to Jerusalem: The Journey Begins: "Follow Me" 9:51-62

(A "Handbook" on Discipleship)

B. Parable of the Good Samaritan: "Go and Do Likewise" 10:29-37

C. Lord, Teach us to Pray: "How much more will Father give the Holy Spirit?" 11:1-13

D. Parable of the Rich Fool: "Seek first the kingdom...Fear not the Father has decided to give you the kingdom" 12:13-38

E. Teaching on Giving Banquets: "When you give a banquet, invite the poor, the lame, the blind" 14:7-14

F. Three Parables on the Lost: Sheep, Coin, Son: "We had to rejoice, for this brother of yours was dead and has come alive, was lost and has been found" 15:1-32

G. Parable of the Pharisee & Tax Collector: "This man went home justified" 18:9-14

H. Story of Zacchaeus: "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham.<sup>10</sup> For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost." 19:1-10

I. Jesus Nears Jerusalem and Weeps over the City 19:41-48

### The Gospel of Luke - Selections: Part 3

#### V. Journey to Jerusalem

**9** <sup>51</sup> When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem.<sup>52</sup> And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him;<sup>53</sup> but they **did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem.**<sup>54</sup> **When his disciples James and John saw it, they** said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?"<sup>55</sup> But he turned and rebuked them.<sup>56</sup> Then they went on to another village.

<sup>57</sup> As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go."<sup>58</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."<sup>59</sup> To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father."<sup>60</sup> But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God."<sup>61</sup> Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home."<sup>62</sup> Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

**10:**<sup>25</sup> Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup> He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" <sup>27</sup> He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." <sup>28</sup> And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." <sup>29</sup> But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" <sup>30</sup> Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead... <sup>31</sup> Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he

saw him, he was moved with pity. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' <sup>36</sup> Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" <sup>37</sup> He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

**11** <sup>1</sup> He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."<sup>2</sup> He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup> Give us each day our daily bread.

<sup>4</sup> And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

<sup>5</sup> And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread;<sup>6</sup> for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.'<sup>7</sup> And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.'<sup>8</sup> I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

<sup>9</sup> "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.<sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.<sup>11</sup> Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish?<sup>12</sup> Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion?<sup>13</sup> If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how

much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

**12:**13 Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." 14 But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" 15 And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." 16 Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. 17 And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' 18 Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19 And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' 20 But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' 21 So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

.31 Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

32 "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.33 Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 35 "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit;36 be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks.37 Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them.38 If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

**14** 7 When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable.8 "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host;9 and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place.10 But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be

honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you.11 For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

12 He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid.13 But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.14 And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

**15** 1 Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him.2 And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

3 So he told them this parable:4 "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it?5 When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices.6 And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.'7 Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

8 "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it?9 When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.'10 Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

11 Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons.12 The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them --- Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.32 But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.' "

**18** 9 He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:10 "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.11 The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other

people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.<sup>12</sup> I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.<sup>13</sup> But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!'<sup>14</sup> I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

**19** <sup>1</sup> He entered Jericho and was passing through it.<sup>2</sup> A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich.<sup>3</sup> He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature.<sup>4</sup> So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way.<sup>5</sup> When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today."<sup>6</sup> So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him.<sup>7</sup> All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner."<sup>8</sup> Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much."<sup>9</sup> Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham.<sup>10</sup> For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

**19**:<sup>41</sup> As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, <sup>42</sup> saying, "If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. <sup>43</sup> Indeed, the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you, and hem you in on every side. <sup>44</sup> They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another; because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God."

:<sup>45</sup> Then he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling things there; <sup>46</sup> and he said, "It is written, 'My house shall be a house of prayer'; but you have made it a den of robbers." <sup>47</sup> Every day he was teaching in the temple. The chief priests, the scribes, and the leaders of the people kept looking for a way to kill him; <sup>48</sup> but they did not find anything they could do, for all the people were spellbound by what they heard.