

Introduction & Review

Many of you have studied with us all year in the Gospel of Luke, while others are joining us for the first time.

Welcome!

"Luke: It is Finished" will cover the final chapters of Luke's Gospel, chapters 19-24. This week, spend some time reading Luke 2:38-18. We have provided a study guide to assist you, alongside the review listed below.

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How it started...

"And he said to them, 'Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" Luke 2:49 (ESV)

 Jesus has always been very clear about who he is, and to whom he belonged. He was, of course, speaking of God, the Father; his father. Even before his earthly parents could understand what this meant, Jesus spoke the truth of his identity.

Luke 3

John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." Luke 3:16 (ESV)

 PREPARATION MATTERS. God prepared his people then, and he prepares us now to accomplish his will.

Luke 4

... "and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority." Luke 4:32 (ESV)

• Jesus had authority as the Son of God to speak truth, heal the sick, and perform miracles.

Luke 5

"And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him." (ESV)

Jesus is worthy to be followed.

Luke 6

"But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil." Luke 6:35 (ESV)

• Jesus asserted a principle which can be boiled down to this: Our earthly reality does not equal our heavenly reality.

Luke 7

"Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little." Luke 7:47 (ESV)

The heart of Jesus is to forgive and care for others.

Luke 8

"As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience." Luke 8:15 (ESV)

God's Word has authority. We should hold fast to it in each season of our lives.

Luke 9

"Then he said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' And Peter answered, 'The Christ of God.'" Luke 9:20 (ESV)

• Jesus is Christ and we are called to follow Him. Like Peter, we too will give an account of who we say Jesus is.

Luke 10

"And 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." Luke 10:27

 The parable of the Good Samaritan illustrates that our good works cannot possibly save us because we could never fulfill the perfect demands of God's Holy law.

Luke 11

"Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is full of light, but when it is bad, your body is full of darkness." Luke 11:34 (ESV)

To be filled with light is to be filled with Jesus.

Luke 12

"But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith!" Luke 12:18 (ESV)

Trust God and seek Him over the ways of the world. He is more than able to care for us.

Luke 13

- "He said, therefore, 'What is the kingdom of God like? And to what shall I compare it? It is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his garden, and it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches." Luke 13:18-19
- As seeds grow into a harvest and yeast works its way through dough, the kingdom of God will fill the whole earth.

Luke 14

"And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple." Luke 14:27 (ESV)

 We cannot live a life honoring to God while seeking the comfort of this world in our pursuit of the eternal.

Luke 15

"For this, my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate." Luke 15:24 (ESV)

• Just as the son who returned to his father's house was met with mercy and celebration, so our heavenly father shows mercy and celebrates when sinners repent.

Luke 16

"No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money." 16:13 (ESV)

 God wants us to use what he has given us for the glory of his Kingdom - to submit everything to his will.

Luke 17

"Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will keep it." 17:33 (ESV)

 God wants us to lay down our lives as Jesus willingly laid his life down, it is a practice of daily sacrifice.

Luke 18

"How difficult it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." Luke 18:24-25 (ESV)

 When we find comfort, security, reliance, and identity in the material things of this world, we lack the surrender required to follow Christ.