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When the Son of Man Comes

Do you long to see one of the days of the Son of Man? Will the world be ready? “Will he find faith on the earth?”

TAKING IT IN

Welcome to Luke Part 2. You have before you seven weeks of study that will not only answer many questions concerning the coming of the Son of Man; it will also, we believe, draw you into a greater understanding of the depth of God’s love and forgiveness and the hope of eternal life. And with this will come an assurance, a confidence, a peace that will help you be unshakeable in the storms that are on the horizon.

Part 1 took us through Luke 16. For those who weren’t with us at that time, be assured that it is all right to start in Part 2 without having inductively studied the first part. You are going to be so ministered to by what you learn in this second part.

Luke tells in the opening verses why he wrote this Gospel.

Luke 1:1–4

- 1 Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us,
- 2 just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us,
- 3 it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus,
- 4 that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught.

The subtitle for Luke Part 1 is “Who is this man?” As we learned the answer to this question about Jesus, we also learned why He came. By way of review for those who studied Part 1 and to put new students into context, read the following verses.



Luke 9:20

Then he said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” And Peter answered, “The Christ of God.”

Luke 4:43

but he said to them, “I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose.”

Luke 5:32

“I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.”

Of course, there’s much more in the first sixteen chapters of Luke. So take a few minutes and read the chapter themes on the “Luke at a Glance” chart in the Appendix.

Now let’s begin our study of Part 2 with Luke 17. Study well . . . seek Him in prayer. He’ll be “found” in His wondrous precepts of life

1. Read Luke 17, using the Observation Worksheets found in the Appendix.
 - a. There are many references to “when” in this chapter; mark them all (many use a green circle). *Day(s)*, as you will see, is repeated quite a bit in this chapter; therefore, pay attention to what day, whose day, is referred to.
 - b. Double underline in green anything that tells you “where.”
 - c. Mark the following words. (Marking suggestions for some frequently used words in the Bible are on the back of your workbook. These are denoted throughout this workbook with an asterisk [*].)
 - 1) *Jerusalem* (You can double underline this in green because it’s a location, but also shade it with the color of your choice, so it is distinct from other locations.)
 - 2) *kingdom**
 - 3) *disciple(s)*
 - 4) *apostles*
 - 5) *Son of Man* (You may want to use the suggested marking for *Jesus*, * plus an additional color to make this name for Jesus distinct from others.)
 - 6) *faith**
 - d. Record the theme of Luke 17 on “Luke at a Glance” found in the Appendix. The theme is the main event(s) or subject(s).



2. In Luke 17:11, Jesus is on His way to Jerusalem. Let's find out **why** Jesus was going to Jerusalem. This will help you understand the significance of verse 11 and all that follows—right through to the end of the book.

Look up the following verses and note what you learn from each one.

- a. Luke 9:22 is the first time Jesus mentions His death to His disciples. Look at the context, the setting of this verse, by reading Luke 9:18-22.

1) What had Jesus just asked the disciples and what was the correct answer?

2) What were Jesus' instructions to the disciples?

3) What did Jesus tell them was going to happen to the Son of Man?

- b. Did Jesus' disciples get it? Read Luke 9:22, 43-45. What does the text tell us?

- c. Now read Luke 9:51-53. The Greek word for "be taken up" is "*análēpsis* . . . from *analambánō* (353), to receive up. A receiving up, ascension. The act of being taken up (only in Luke 9:51)."¹ What do you think Jesus is referring to here?

¹Spiros Zodhiates, *The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament*, electronic ed. (Chattanooga, TN: AMG Publishers, 2000, c1992, c1993). G354.



Luke Part 2

Lesson 1, Chapters 17:1–18:30

6. If you've been in a church for some time, you've probably heard the account of the rich young ruler. Well, that's what happens next in Luke 18.
 - a. Is this a parable? What do you learn in verses 18-27 about the ruler? List the facts below:
 - b. Those of you who did Luke Part 1 may remember Jesus' non-negotiable requisites for being a disciple in Luke 14:25-33. Take time to read the entire passage and then answer the following: Do you see any comparison(s), any parallel(s) between Luke 18:22 and Luke 14:33? Explain, please.
 - c. What kind of response do Jesus' words provoke regarding this ruler and the kingdom of God?



d. What do you learn from Luke 18:28-30?

e. Do you see any other connections with Luke 14:25-33 and Luke 18:28-30? Write them down.

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1. So how are you measuring up as His disciple, His servant? Anything you need to work on? When will you start?



2. Let's bring our study to a close by focusing on *our* riches, the things we have.
 - a. What are your questions, if any, regarding riches and the things we have?

- b. Why do you think they are an issue?

We're getting closer to Jerusalem! Next week's lesson is so pertinent to those who are awaiting the coming of the King of kings. It will be such an encouragement to press on, to be faithful, and to disciple others to be the same so that when He comes He will find faith on the earth!





LUKE 17

Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

AND he said to his disciples, “Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come!

2 “It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin.

3 “Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him,

4 and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive him.”

5 The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!”

6 And the Lord said, “If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

7 “Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come at once and recline at table’?

8 “Will he not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink’?

9 “Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded?

10 “So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.’ ”

11 On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee.

12 And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance

13 and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.”



- 14 When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed.
- 15 Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice;
- 16 and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan.
- 17 Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine?”
- 18 “Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?”
- 19 And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”
- 20** Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, he answered them, “The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed,
- 21 nor will they say, ‘Look, here it is!’ or ‘There!’ for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.”
- 22** And he said to the disciples, “The days are coming when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it.
- 23 “And they will say to you, ‘Look, there!’ or ‘Look, here!’ Do not go out or follow them.
- 24 “For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of Man be in his day.
- 25 “But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.
- 26 “Just as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the Son of Man.
- 27 “They were eating and drinking and marrying and being given in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.
- 28 “Likewise, just as it was in the days of Lot—they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building,
- 29 but on the day when Lot went out from Sodom, fire and sulfur rained from heaven and destroyed them all—



- 30 so will it be on the day when the Son of Man is revealed.
- 31 “On that day, let the one who is on the housetop, with his goods in the house, not come down to take them away, and likewise let the one who is in the field not turn back.
- 32 “Remember Lot’s wife.
- 33 “Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will keep it.
- 34 “I tell you, in that night there will be two in one bed. One will be taken and the other left.
- 35 “There will be two women grinding together. One will be taken and the other left.”
- 36 *[Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left.]*
- 37 And they said to him, “Where, Lord?” He said to them, “Where the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.”



LUKE 18

Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

AND he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.

2 He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man.

3 "And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.'

4 "For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man,

5 yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.' "

6 And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says.

7 "And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them?

8 "I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

9 He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt:

10 "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

11 "The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.

12 'I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.'

13 "But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!'



- 14 “I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”
- 15 Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them.
- 16 But Jesus called them to him, saying, “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.
- 17 “Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”
- 18 And a ruler asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”
- 19 And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone.
- 20 “You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery, Do not murder, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.’ ”
- 21 And he said, “All these I have kept from my youth.”
- 22 When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.”
- 23 But when he heard these things, he became very sad, for he was extremely rich.
- 24 Jesus, seeing that he had become sad, said, “How difficult it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!
- 25 “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.”
- 26 Those who heard it said, “Then who can be saved?”
- 27 But he said, “What is impossible with man is possible with God.”
- 28 And Peter said, “See, we have left our homes and followed you.”
- 29 And he said to them, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God,



- 30 who will not receive many times more in this time, and in the age to come eternal life.”
- 31 And taking the twelve, he said to them, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished.
- 32 “For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon.
- 33 “And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise.”
- 34 But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.
- 35 As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging.
- 36 And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant.
- 37 They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.”
- 38 And he cried out, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”
- 39 And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”
- 40 And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to him. And when he came near, he asked him,
- 41 “What do you want me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, let me recover my sight.”
- 42 And Jesus said to him, “Recover your sight; your faith has made you well.”
- 43 And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.



LUKE AT A GLANCE

Book Theme:

Segment Divisions	Chapter Themes	
Author:	1 Birth of John the Baptist/ Jesus’ birth prophesied	
	2 Jesus’ birth	
	3 John’s call to repent/ Jesus’ baptism	
Purpose:	4 Jesus’ temptation/ teaching in Nazareth & Capernaum	
	5 Simon Peter, James, John, Levi follow Jesus	
	6 Sabbath/ Apostles chosen/ Blesseds	
	7 Dead man raised/ John B: One to come?/ Woman’s sins forgiven	
	8 Parable of Sower/ Wind, water, demons, death obey Him	
	Date:	9 12 sent out/Fed 5000/“You are the Christ”/Transfiguration
	Key Words:	10 72 sent out/ Good Samaritan/ Mary & Martha
		11 Lord’s Prayer/ Demons out/ Woe to Pharisees
12 Don’t fear, be anxious/ Be on guard, ready		
13 Repent or perish/ Kingdom of God/ On way to Jerusalem		
14 Invited to kingdom/ Cost of disciples		
15 Lost sheep, coin, son—rejoice, lost found		
16 Can’t serve God & money/ Rich man & Lazarus		
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PARABLES

A parable usually is a story which, although not necessarily factual, remains true to life and teaches a moral lesson or truth. Every detail of a parable will reinforce the main theme, but you shouldn't always attempt to ascribe a specific spiritual meaning and application to each point. Some parables are proverbial rather than a "story."

Jesus frequently used parables in His teaching for two reasons: to reveal truth to believers and to hide truth from those who had rejected it and/or hardened their hearts against it.

To correctly interpret a parable:

- *Determine the occasion of the parable.* Since parables clarify or emphasize a truth, discover why the parable was told. What prompted it?
- *Look for the intended meaning of the parable.* The meaning will sometimes be stated. If not, it can usually be determined by the application of the parable to the hearer.
- *Don't impose any meaning beyond what is clearly stated or applied to the hearers by the speaker of the parable.*
- *Identify the central or focal idea of the parable.* Every parable has one central theme or emphasis. No detail of the story is to be given any meaning that is independent of the main teaching of the parable.

Since a parable has one central point of emphasis, identify relevant details. To attach meaning that is not in the context of the occasion or relevant to its central emphasis is to go away from the meaning of the parable. A detail is relevant only if it reinforces the central theme of the parable.

- *Interpret parables in the context of the culture of Bible times rather than the culture of today.*
- *Do not establish doctrine when parables are the primary or only source for that teaching.* Parables should amplify or affirm doctrine, not establish it.

