

2024-2025 CMA Luke Reference Materials

Luke 1

Introduction

- ¶ Luke 1:1 - Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us,
Luke 1:2 - just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word.
Luke 1:3 - With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus,
Luke 1:4 - so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.

The Birth of John the Baptist Foretold

- ¶ Luke 1:5 - In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah; his wife Elizabeth was also a descendant of Aaron.
Luke 1:6 - Both of them were righteous in the sight of God, observing all the Lord's commands and decrees blamelessly.
Luke 1:7 - But they were childless because Elizabeth was not able to conceive, and they were both very old.
¶ Luke 1:8 - Once when Zechariah's division was on duty and he was serving as priest before God,
Luke 1:9 - he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to go into the temple of the Lord and burn incense.
Luke 1:10 - And when the time for the burning of incense came, all the assembled worshipers were praying outside.
¶ Luke 1:11 - Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense.
Luke 1:12 - When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear.
Luke 1:13 - But the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John.
Luke 1:14 - He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth,
Luke 1:15 - for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born.
Luke 1:16 - He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God.
Luke 1:17 - And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous--to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."
¶ Luke 1:18 - Zechariah asked the angel, "How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years."
¶ Luke 1:19 - The angel said to him, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news.
Luke 1:20 - And now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens, because you did not believe my words, which will come true at their appointed time."
¶ Luke 1:21 - Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah and wondering why he stayed so long in the temple.
Luke 1:22 - When he came out, he could not speak to them. They realized he had seen a vision in the temple, for he kept making signs to them but remained unable to speak.
¶ Luke 1:23 - When his time of service was completed, he returned home.
Luke 1:24 - After this his wife Elizabeth became pregnant and for five months remained in seclusion.
Luke 1:25 - "The Lord has done this for me," she said. "In these days he has shown his favor and taken away my disgrace among the people."

The Birth of Jesus Foretold

- ¶ Luke 1:26 - In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee,
Luke 1:27 - to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary.
Luke 1:28 - The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."
¶ Luke 1:29 - Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be.
Luke 1:30 - But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God.

- Luke 1:31 - You **will conceive** and **give birth** to a son, and you are to call him **Jesus**.
- Luke 1:32 - He will be **great and** will be called the Son of the Most **High**. **The Lord God** will give **him the throne of** his **father David**,
- Luke 1:33 - and he **will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.**"
- ¶ Luke 1:34 - "**How will this be,**" **Mary asked** the **angel**, "**since** I am a virgin?"
- ¶ Luke 1:35 - The **angel answered**, "**The Holy Spirit will** come on you, and the power of the Most **High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will** be called the Son of God.
- Luke 1:36 - **Even Elizabeth your relative is** going to have a child in **her old age**, and she who was said to **be unable to conceive is** in **her sixth** month.
- Luke 1:37 - **For no word from God will ever fail.**"
- ¶ Luke 1:38 - "**I am the Lord's servant,**" **Mary answered**. "**May your word to me be fulfilled.**" Then the **angel left her**.

Mary Visits Elizabeth

- ¶ Luke 1:39 - At that **time Mary got ready and hurried to** a town in the hill country of Judea,
- Luke 1:40 - **where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth**.
- Luke 1:41 - **When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth** was filled with the Holy Spirit.
- Luke 1:42 - In a **loud voice she exclaimed**: "**Blessed** are **you among women**, and blessed is the **child you** will bear!
- Luke 1:43 - **But why am I so favored, that** the mother of **my Lord should come** to me?
- Luke 1:44 - **As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy.**
- Luke 1:45 - Blessed **is she** who **has believed that** the **Lord would fulfill his promises** to her!"

Mary's Song

- ¶ Luke 1:46 - And **Mary said**: "**My soul glorifies the** Lord
- Luke 1:47 - and my **spirit rejoices in God my Savior**,
- Luke 1:48 - for he has **been mindful of** the **humble state** of his **servant**. **From now on all generations will call me blessed**,
- Luke 1:49 - for the **Mighty One** has **done great things for me-- holy is his name**.
- Luke 1:50 - **His mercy extends to** those **who fear him, from generation to generation**.
- Luke 1:51 - He **has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts**.
- Luke 1:52 - He **has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up** the humble.
- Luke 1:53 - He **has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty**.
- Luke 1:54 - He **has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors.**"
- ¶ Luke 1:56 - **Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home.**

The Birth of John the Baptist

- ¶ Luke 1:57 - When it was time **for Elizabeth to have her baby, she gave** birth to a son.
- Luke 1:58 - **Her neighbors and relatives heard that** the Lord **had shown her great mercy, and they shared her joy**.
- ¶ Luke 1:59 - On the **eighth day they** came to **circumcise** the child, and they were going to **name him after his father Zechariah**,
- Luke 1:60 - but his **mother spoke up and said**, "**No! He is to be called John.**"
- ¶ Luke 1:61 - They said to **her**, "**There is no one among your relatives who has that name.**"
- ¶ Luke 1:62 - Then **they made signs** to his **father, to find** out what he **would like to** name the child.
- Luke 1:63 - He asked for **a writing tablet, and to everyone's astonishment he wrote**, "**His name is John.**"
- Luke 1:64 - **Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue set free, and he began to speak, praising God.**
- Luke 1:65 - All **the neighbors were filled with awe, and throughout the hill country of Judea people were talking** about all these things.
- Luke 1:66 - **Everyone** who heard **this wondered about it, asking**, "**What then is this child going to be?**" For the **Lord's hand was** with him.

Zechariah's Song

- ¶ Luke 1:67 - His father **Zechariah was** filled with the Holy Spirit **and prophesied**:
- ¶ Luke 1:68 - "**Praise be** to the **Lord, the God of Israel, because** he has come to his people **and redeemed them**.
- Luke 1:69 - He **has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house** of his **servant David**
- Luke 1:70 - (as he **said through his holy prophets of long ago**),
- Luke 1:71 - **salvation from** our enemies **and from** the hand of all **who hate us--**

- Luke 1:72 - to **show mercy** to our **ancestors and to remember his holy covenant**,
- Luke 1:73 - **the oath he swore** to our father Abraham:
- Luke 1:74 - **to rescue us** from the hand of our enemies, and **to enable us to serve him without fear**
- Luke 1:75 - **in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.**
- ¶ Luke 1:76 - And **you, my child**, will be **called a prophet of the Most High**; for you will go on before the **Lord to prepare the way** for him,
- Luke 1:77 - **to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins**,
- Luke 1:78 - because of **the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven**
- Luke 1:79 - **to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace.**"
- ¶ Luke 1:80 - And the child **grew** and became **strong in spirit**; and **he lived** in the **wilderness until he appeared publicly to Israel.**

Luke 2

The Birth of Jesus

- ¶ Luke 2:1 - In those **days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world.**
- Luke 2:2 - (This was the **first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.**)
- Luke 2:3 - And **everyone went** to their own **town to register.**
- ¶ Luke 2:4 - **So Joseph also went up from** the town of **Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged** to the house and **line of David.**
- Luke 2:5 - He **went there to register with Mary**, who **was pledged** to be **married** to him and **was expecting a child.**
- Luke 2:6 - While they were there, the time came for the **baby to be born**,
- Luke 2:7 - and she gave **birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him** in cloths and **placed him** in a **manger, because there was no guest room available** for them.
- ¶ Luke 2:8 - And there **were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.**
- Luke 2:9 - **An** angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the **Lord shone around them**, and they **were terrified.**
- Luke 2:10 - But the angel said to them, "Do not be **afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy** for all the people.
- Luke 2:11 - **Today in** the town of **David a Savior has been born to you**; he is the Messiah, the Lord.
- Luke 2:12 - **This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying** in a manger."
- ¶ Luke 2:13 - **Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising** God and saying,
- ¶ Luke 2:14 - "**Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.**"
- ¶ Luke 2:15 - When the **angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."**
- ¶ Luke 2:16 - So **they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.**
- Luke 2:17 - When they had **seen him, they spread the word concerning what** had been told them about this child,
- Luke 2:18 - and all who heard **it were amazed** at what the shepherds said to them.
- Luke 2:19 - **But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them** in her heart.
- Luke 2:20 - The **shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God** for all the **things they had heard and seen, which were just** as they had been told.
- ¶ Luke 2:21 - On the **eighth day**, when it was **time to circumcise the child, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him** before he **was conceived.**

Jesus Presented in the Temple

- ¶ Luke 2:22 - When the time came for **the purification rites required** by the Law of **Moses, Joseph and Mary took** him to Jerusalem **to present him** to the Lord
- Luke 2:23 - (as it is **written** in the Law of the **Lord, "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord"**),
- Luke 2:24 - and to **offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said** in the Law of the **Lord: "a pair of doves or two young pigeons."**
- ¶ Luke 2:25 - Now there was a man in **Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting** for **the consolation of Israel**, and the Holy **Spirit was** on him.
- Luke 2:26 - **It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.**
- Luke 2:27 - **Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required,**
- Luke 2:28 - **Simeon took** him in his **arms and praised God, saying:**

- ¶ Luke 2:29 - "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace.
- ¶ Luke 2:30 - For my eyes have seen your salvation,
- ¶ Luke 2:31 - which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:
- ¶ Luke 2:32 - a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel."
- ¶ Luke 2:33 - The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him.
- ¶ Luke 2:34 - Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against,
- ¶ Luke 2:35 - so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."
- ¶ Luke 2:36 - There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage,
- ¶ Luke 2:37 - and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying.
- ¶ Luke 2:38 - Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.
- ¶ Luke 2:39 - When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth.
- ¶ Luke 2:40 - And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

The Boy Jesus at the Temple

- ¶ Luke 2:41 - Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover.
- ¶ Luke 2:42 - When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom.
- ¶ Luke 2:43 - After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it.
- ¶ Luke 2:44 - Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends.
- ¶ Luke 2:45 - When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him.
- ¶ Luke 2:46 - After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.
- ¶ Luke 2:47 - Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers.
- ¶ Luke 2:48 - When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you."
- ¶ Luke 2:49 - "Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?"
- ¶ Luke 2:50 - But they did not understand what he was saying to them.
- ¶ Luke 2:51 - Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart.
- ¶ Luke 2:52 - And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

Luke 3

John the Baptist Prepares the Way

- ¶ Luke 3:1 - In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar--when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene--
- ¶ Luke 3:2 - during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.
- ¶ Luke 3:3 - He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.
- ¶ Luke 3:4 - As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: "A voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.
- ¶ Luke 3:5 - Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth.
- ¶ Luke 3:6 - And all people will see God's salvation.'"
- ¶ Luke 3:7 - John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?
- ¶ Luke 3:8 - Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham.
- ¶ Luke 3:9 - The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."
- ¶ Luke 3:10 - "What should we do then?" the crowd asked.

- ¶ Luke 3:11 - John answered, "Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same."
- ¶ Luke 3:12 - Even tax collectors came to be baptized. "Teacher," they asked, "what should we do?"
- ¶ Luke 3:13 - "Don't collect any more than you are required to," he told them.
- ¶ Luke 3:14 - Then some soldiers asked him, "And what should we do?" He replied, "Don't extort money and don't accuse people falsely--be content with your pay."
- ¶ Luke 3:15 - The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah.
- Luke 3:16 - John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.
- Luke 3:17 - His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."
- Luke 3:18 - And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them.
- ¶ Luke 3:19 - But when John rebuked Herod the tetrarch because of his marriage to Herodias, his brother's wife, and all the other evil things he had done,
- Luke 3:20 - Herod added this to them all: He locked John up in prison.

The Baptism and Genealogy of Jesus

- ¶ Luke 3:21 - When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened
- Luke 3:22 - and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."
- ¶ Luke 3:23 - Now Jesus himself was about thirty years old when he began his ministry. He was the son, so it was thought, of Joseph, the son of Heli,

Luke 9

Jesus Sends Out the Twelve

- ¶ Luke 9:1 - When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases,
- Luke 9:2 - and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.
- Luke 9:3 - He told them: "Take nothing for the journey--no staff, no bag, no bread, no money, no extra shirt.
- Luke 9:4 - Whatever house you enter, stay there until you leave that town.
- Luke 9:5 - If people do not welcome you, leave their town and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them."
- Luke 9:6 - So they set out and went from village to village, proclaiming the good news and healing people everywhere.
- ¶ Luke 9:7 - Now Herod the tetrarch heard about all that was going on. And he was perplexed because some were saying that John had been raised from the dead,
- Luke 9:8 - others that Elijah had appeared, and still others that one of the prophets of long ago had come back to life.
- Luke 9:9 - But Herod said, "I beheaded John. Who, then, is this I hear such things about?" And he tried to see him.

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

- ¶ Luke 9:10 - When the apostles returned, they reported to Jesus what they had done. Then he took them with him and they withdrew by themselves to a town called Bethsaida,
- Luke 9:11 - but the crowds learned about it and followed him. He welcomed them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed healing.
- ¶ Luke 9:12 - Late in the afternoon the Twelve came to him and said, "Send the crowd away so they can go to the surrounding villages and countryside and find food and lodging, because we are in a remote place here."
- ¶ Luke 9:13 - He replied, "You give them something to eat." They answered, "We have only five loaves of bread and two fish--unless we go and buy food for all this crowd."
- Luke 9:14 - (About five thousand men were there.) But he said to his disciples, "Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each."
- Luke 9:15 - The disciples did so, and everyone sat down.
- Luke 9:16 - Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke them. Then he gave them to the disciples to distribute to the people.

Luke 9:17 - They **all ate** and **were satisfied**, and the **disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over**.

Peter Declares That Jesus Is the Messiah

- ¶ Luke 9:18 - **Once** when Jesus was praying **in private and** his disciples **were with** him, he asked them, "Who do the **crowds say I am?**"
- ¶ Luke 9:19 - They **replied**, "**Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and** still others, that one of the prophets of long **ago has** come back to life."
- ¶ Luke 9:20 - "**But what about** you?" he asked. "Who do you say **I am?**" **Peter answered**, "**God's Messiah.**"

Jesus Predicts His Death

- ¶ Luke 9:21 - **Jesus strictly warned them not to tell this** to anyone.
- ¶ Luke 9:22 - And he **said**, "**The Son of Man must suffer many** things and be **rejected** by the **elders, the chief priests** and the **teachers** of the **law**, and he must **be killed and** on the **third** day be **raised to life.**"
- ¶ Luke 9:23 - Then he said to them **all**: "**Whoever** wants to be my **disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and** follow me.
- ¶ Luke 9:24 - For whoever wants to **save their** life will lose it, but whoever **loses** their **life for me will save it.**
- ¶ Luke 9:25 - **What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self?**
- ¶ Luke 9:26 - Whoever **is ashamed** of me and my **words**, the Son of Man will **be ashamed** of them when he **comes** in his glory and in the glory of the Father **and of the holy angels.**
- ¶ Luke 9:27 - "**Truly** I tell **you**, **some** who **are standing here will not taste death before they see** the kingdom of God."

The Transfiguration

- ¶ Luke 9:28 - **About eight days after** Jesus said this, he **took Peter, John and James with** him and went **up onto a mountain to pray.**
- ¶ Luke 9:29 - As he was **praying, the appearance of his face changed, and** his **clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning.**
- ¶ Luke 9:30 - Two **men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking** with Jesus.
- ¶ Luke 9:31 - **They spoke about his departure, which he** was about to bring to **fulfillment at** Jerusalem.
- ¶ Luke 9:32 - Peter and **his companions were very sleepy, but** when **they became fully awake, they saw his** glory and the two **men standing with** him.
- ¶ Luke 9:33 - As the men **were leaving** Jesus, **Peter** said to **him**, "**Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters--one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.**" (He did not **know** what he was saying.)
- ¶ Luke 9:34 - While he was **speaking**, a **cloud appeared and covered them**, and they were **afraid as** they **entered** the cloud.
- ¶ Luke 9:35 - A voice came from the **cloud, saying**, "This is my Son, **whom I have chosen; listen** to him."
- ¶ Luke 9:36 - When **the voice had spoken, they found that** Jesus **was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.**

Jesus Heals a Demon-Possessed Boy

- ¶ Luke 9:37 - The **next** day, when they came down from **the mountain, a large crowd met** him.
- ¶ Luke 9:38 - A man in the crowd called **out**, "**Teacher, I beg** you to **look** at my **son, for he is my only child.**"
- ¶ Luke 9:39 - A **spirit seizes him and he suddenly screams; it throws him into convulsions so that he foams at the mouth. It scarcely ever leaves him and is destroying him.**
- ¶ Luke 9:40 - **I begged your** disciples to **drive it out, but** they **could** not."
- ¶ Luke 9:41 - "**You unbelieving and perverse generation,**" **Jesus** replied, "**how long shall I stay** with you and put **up with you? Bring your son here.**"
- ¶ Luke 9:42 - **Even while** the **boy was coming, the demon threw him to the ground in a convulsion. But Jesus rebuked the impure spirit, healed the boy and** gave him back to his father.

Jesus Predicts His Death a Second Time

- ¶ Luke 9:43 - And they were **all amazed** at **the greatness of God. While everyone was marveling at** all that Jesus **did, he** said to his disciples,
- ¶ Luke 9:44 - "**Listen carefully to** what I **am about** to tell you: The Son of Man is going to be **delivered into** the **hands of men.**"
- ¶ Luke 9:45 - But they did not **understand what this meant. It was hidden** from them, so that they did **not grasp it**, and they were **afraid to ask him about** it.

- ¶ Luke 9:46 - **An argument started among** the **disciples as** to which of **them would** be the greatest.
- ¶ Luke 9:47 - **Jesus, knowing their thoughts, took a** little child and **had him stand beside him.**
- ¶ Luke 9:48 - Then he said to **them, "Whoever welcomes this little** child in my **name welcomes** me; and whoever welcomes **me welcomes the** one who sent **me. For** it is the one who **is least among you all** who is the greatest."
- ¶ Luke 9:49 - "**Master,**" **said John, "we saw someone driving** out **demons in** your **name and we tried to stop** him, because he is not one **of us.**"
- ¶ Luke 9:50 - "Do **not stop** him," Jesus **said, "for** whoever is **not against** you is for you."

Samaritan Opposition

- ¶ Luke 9:51 - As the **time approached for** him to be **taken** up to **heaven, Jesus resolutely set** out for Jerusalem.
- ¶ Luke 9:52 - And he **sent messengers on ahead, who went** into a **Samaritan village to get things ready for** him;
- ¶ Luke 9:53 - but the people **there did not welcome him,** because he **was heading for** Jerusalem.
- ¶ Luke 9:54 - When the **disciples James and John saw** this, they asked, "**Lord, do you want** us to **call fire down from heaven to destroy them?**"
- ¶ Luke 9:55 - But Jesus **turned and rebuked** them.
- ¶ Luke 9:56 - Then he and his **disciples went to another village.**

The Cost of Following Jesus

- ¶ Luke 9:57 - As they **were walking along** the **road, a man said** to him, "I will follow **you wherever you** go."
- ¶ Luke 9:58 - Jesus **replied, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but** the Son of Man has **no place to lay his head.**"
- ¶ Luke 9:59 - He said to **another man, "Follow** me." But he replied, "**Lord, first** let me go **and bury my** father."
- ¶ Luke 9:60 - Jesus said to **him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but** you go **and proclaim** the kingdom of God."
- ¶ Luke 9:61 - Still another said, "I will follow you, **Lord; but** first let me go back and **say goodbye to** my **family.**"
- ¶ Luke 9:62 - Jesus **replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in** the kingdom of God."

Luke 10

Jesus Sends Out the Seventy-Two

- ¶ Luke 10:1 - After this the **Lord appointed seventy-two others and** sent **them two by two ahead** of him **to every town and place** where he was about to go.
- ¶ Luke 10:2 - He told them, "The **harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the** Lord of the **harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.**
- ¶ Luke 10:3 - **Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves.**
- ¶ Luke 10:4 - Do not **take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on** the road.
- ¶ Luke 10:5 - "When you enter a **house, first say, 'Peace** to this house.'
- ¶ Luke 10:6 - If **someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on** them; if **not, it will return to you.**
- ¶ Luke 10:7 - **Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give** you, for **the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house.**
- ¶ Luke 10:8 - "When you enter a town and **are welcomed, eat** what **is offered to** you.
- ¶ Luke 10:9 - **Heal the sick who are there and tell** them, 'The kingdom of God has come **near to you.'**
- ¶ Luke 10:10 - But when you enter a town and are **not welcomed, go into its streets** and say,
- ¶ Luke 10:11 - 'Even the **dust of your town we wipe from our** feet as **a warning to you. Yet be sure** of this: The kingdom of God has come near.'
- ¶ Luke 10:12 - I tell **you, it will be more bearable on** that day **for Sodom than for that town.**
- ¶ Luke 10:13 - "Woe to **you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For** if the **miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.**
- ¶ Luke 10:14 - **But it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than** for you.
- ¶ Luke 10:15 - And **you, Capernaum, will you be lifted to the heavens? No, you will go down to Hades.**
- ¶ Luke 10:16 - "**Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you rejects me; but whoever rejects me rejects him** who sent me."
- ¶ Luke 10:17 - **The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us** in your **name.**"
- ¶ Luke 10:18 - He replied, "**I saw Satan fall like lightning from** heaven.
- ¶ Luke 10:19 - I **have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.**

- Luke 10:20 - **However**, do not rejoice that **the spirits** submit to you, but rejoice that **your names** are written in heaven."
- ¶ Luke 10:21 - At that **time Jesus**, full of joy through the **Holy Spirit**, said, "I praise you, **Father**, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the **wise and learned**, and revealed them to **little children**. **Yes, Father**, for this is what you were pleased to do."
- ¶ Luke 10:22 - "**All things** have been committed to me by my **Father**. **No** one knows who the **Son is** except the **Father**, and no one knows who the **Father is** except the **Son** and **those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him**."
- ¶ Luke 10:23 - Then he turned to his **disciples** and said **privately**, "**Blessed** are the **eyes that see** what you see."
- Luke 10:24 - For I tell you that **many prophets and kings** wanted to see what you see but did not see it, and to **hear what you hear** but did not hear it."

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

- ¶ Luke 10:25 - **On one occasion** an expert in the **law** stood up to test Jesus. "**Teacher**," he asked, "what **must** I do to inherit eternal life?"
- ¶ Luke 10:26 - "What is written in the **Law**?" he replied. "**How do you read it**?"
- ¶ Luke 10:27 - He answered, "'**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, '**Love your neighbor as yourself**.'"
- ¶ Luke 10:28 - "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "**Do this** and you will live."
- ¶ Luke 10:29 - But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "**And who is my neighbor**?"
- ¶ Luke 10:30 - **In reply Jesus** said: "A man was going down from **Jerusalem to Jericho**, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his **clothes**, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead."
- Luke 10:31 - A **priest happened to be going** down the **same road**, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side.
- Luke 10:32 - **So too, a Levite**, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.
- Luke 10:33 - **But a Samaritan**, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him.
- Luke 10:34 - He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him.
- Luke 10:35 - The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'
- ¶ Luke 10:36 - "**Which of these three** do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"
- ¶ Luke 10:37 - **The expert in the law** replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "**Go and do likewise**."

At the Home of Martha and Mary

- ¶ Luke 10:38 - As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him.
- Luke 10:39 - She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said.
- Luke 10:40 - **But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that** had to be made. She came to him and asked, "**Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me** to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"
- ¶ Luke 10:41 - "**Martha, Martha**," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things,
- Luke 10:42 - but few things are needed--or indeed only one. **Mary has chosen what is better**, and it will not be taken away from her."

Luke 11

Jesus' Teaching on Prayer

- ¶ Luke 11:1 - **One day** Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "**Lord, teach us to pray**, just as **John taught his** disciples."
- ¶ Luke 11:2 - He said to them, "When you pray, say: "**Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come.**
- Luke 11:3 - **Give us each day our daily bread.**
- Luke 11:4 - **Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.**"
- ¶ Luke 11:5 - Then Jesus said to them, "**Suppose you** have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, '**Friend, lend me three loaves** of bread;
- Luke 11:6 - a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.'
- Luke 11:7 - **And suppose the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.'**

- Luke 11:8 - I tell you, **even though he** will **not get** up and give you the **bread because of friendship**, **yet** because of **your shameless audacity he will surely get** up and give you as **much as you need**.
- ¶ Luke 11:9 - "So I say to **you**: **Ask and** it will be **given to you**; **seek** and you will **find**; **knock and** the door will be **opened to** you.
- Luke 11:10 - **For everyone who asks receives**; the one **who seeks finds**; and to the one **who knocks**, the door will be opened.
- ¶ Luke 11:11 - "Which of **you fathers**, if your **son asks** for a **fish**, will give him a **snake instead**?"
- Luke 11:12 - **Or if he asks** for an **egg**, will give him a **scorpion**?
- Luke 11:13 - If you **then, though you are evil**, **know** how to give **good gifts to your children**, **how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!**"

Jesus and Beelzebul

- ¶ Luke 11:14 - Jesus **was driving out a demon that was mute**. When the **demon left**, the man who had **been mute spoke**, and the crowd was **amazed**.
- Luke 11:15 - **But some of them said**, "**By Beelzebul, the prince of demons, he is driving** out demons."
- Luke 11:16 - **Others tested him by asking for a sign from** heaven.
- ¶ Luke 11:17 - **Jesus knew their thoughts and** said to **them**: "**Any kingdom divided** against itself will **be ruined**, and a **house divided** against itself will **fall**."
- Luke 11:18 - **If Satan is divided against himself, how can his kingdom stand? I say this because you claim that I** drive out demons by Beelzebul.
- Luke 11:19 - Now if I drive out demons by **Beelzebul, by whom do your followers drive them out? So then**, they will be **your judges**.
- Luke 11:20 - But if I drive out demons by **the finger of God, then** the kingdom of God has come **upon** you.
- ¶ Luke 11:21 - "When a **strong man, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are safe**."
- Luke 11:22 - But when **someone stronger attacks and overpowers him, he takes away the armor in** which the **man trusted and divides up his plunder**.
- ¶ Luke 11:23 - "Whoever is **not with me is against me**, and whoever does **not gather with me scatters**."
- ¶ Luke 11:24 - "**When an impure spirit comes out of a person, it goes through arid places seeking rest and** does not **find it**. Then **it says**, 'I will **return** to the **house I left**.'"
- Luke 11:25 - When **it arrives, it finds the house swept clean and** put in **order**.
- Luke 11:26 - Then it **goes and takes seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there**. And **the final condition of that person is worse than** the first."
- ¶ Luke 11:27 - As Jesus was **saying these things, a woman in** the crowd **called out**, "**Blessed is the mother who gave you birth and nursed you**."
- ¶ Luke 11:28 - He **replied**, "**Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it**."

The Sign of Jonah

- ¶ Luke 11:29 - As the **crowds increased**, Jesus said, "This is a **wicked generation. It asks** for a **sign, but none will be given it except** the sign of Jonah."
- Luke 11:30 - **For as Jonah was** a sign to the **Ninevites, so also will the Son of Man be** to this generation.
- Luke 11:31 - **The Queen of the South will rise at** the judgment with the people of this generation and **condemn them, for she came** from the **ends of the earth to listen to Solomon's wisdom**; and now something greater **than Solomon is** here.
- Luke 11:32 - The **men of Nineveh will** stand up at the judgment with this generation and **condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and** now something greater **than Jonah is** here.

The Lamp of the Body

- ¶ Luke 11:33 - "No **one lights a lamp and puts** it in a **place where it will be hidden, or under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, so** that those **who come in may see** the light."
- Luke 11:34 - **Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eyes are healthy, your whole body also is full of light. But** when they are **unhealthy, your body also is full of darkness**.
- Luke 11:35 - **See to it, then, that the light within you is not darkness**.
- Luke 11:36 - **Therefore, if your whole body is full of light, and no part of it dark, it will be just as full of light as when a lamp shines its light on you**."

Woes on the Pharisees and the Experts in the Law

- ¶ Luke 11:37 - When Jesus **had finished speaking**, a **Pharisee invited him to eat with him; so** he went in and **reclined** at the **table**.

- Luke 11:38 - But the **Pharisee was surprised when** he **noticed that** Jesus did **not first wash before the meal**.
- ¶ Luke 11:39 - Then the Lord said to **him**, "**Now then**, you **Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and dish**, but **inside you are full of greed and wickedness**."
- Luke 11:40 - **You foolish people! Did** not the one **who made the outside make the inside also?**
- Luke 11:41 - But **now as** for what **is inside** you--**be generous to the poor**, and **everything will be clean** for you.
- ¶ Luke 11:42 - "Woe to you Pharisees, because you **give God a tenth of your mint, rue and all other kinds of garden herbs**, but you **neglect justice and the love of God**. **You should have practiced the latter without leaving the former undone**."
- ¶ Luke 11:43 - "Woe to you Pharisees, because you **love the most important seats in the synagogues and respectful greetings in the marketplaces**."
- ¶ Luke 11:44 - "Woe to you, because you **are like unmarked graves, which people walk over without knowing it**."
- ¶ Luke 11:45 - One of **the experts in the law answered him**, "**Teacher**, when you **say these things, you insult us also**."
- ¶ Luke 11:46 - Jesus replied, "And you experts in the **law**, **woe to you**, because you **load people down with burdens they can hardly carry, and you yourselves will not lift one finger to help them**."
- ¶ Luke 11:47 - "Woe to you, because you **build tombs for the prophets**, and it **was your ancestors who killed them**."
- Luke 11:48 - So **you testify that you approve of what your ancestors did; they killed the prophets, and you build their tombs**."
- Luke 11:49 - Because of **this**, **God in his wisdom said**, 'I will **send them prophets and apostles, some of whom they will kill and others they will persecute**.'
- Luke 11:50 - **Therefore this** generation will be held responsible for the blood of all the **prophets that has been shed since the beginning of the world**,
- Luke 11:51 - from the blood of **Abel to the blood of Zechariah**, who **was killed between the altar and the sanctuary**. **Yes, I tell you**, this generation will be held responsible for **it all**."
- ¶ Luke 11:52 - "Woe to you experts in the **law**, because you **have taken away the key to knowledge**. **You yourselves have not entered, and you have hindered those who were entering**."
- ¶ Luke 11:53 - When Jesus went **outside**, the Pharisees and the **teachers of the law began to oppose him fiercely and to besiege him with questions**,
- Luke 11:54 - **waiting to catch him in something he might say**."

Luke 13

Repent or Perish

- ¶ Luke 13:1 - Now there **were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices**."
- Luke 13:2 - Jesus **answered**, "**Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way?**"
- Luke 13:3 - I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish."
- Luke 13:4 - **Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them--do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem?**"
- Luke 13:5 - I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish."
- ¶ Luke 13:6 - Then he told this **parable**: "**A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any**."
- Luke 13:7 - So he said to the man **who took care of the vineyard**, '**For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?**'
- ¶ Luke 13:8 - "'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it.'
- Luke 13:9 - If it **bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down**.'" "

Jesus Heals a Crippled Woman on the Sabbath

- ¶ Luke 13:10 - On a **Sabbath Jesus was teaching in** one of the **synagogues**,
- Luke 13:11 - and a **woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up** at all.
- Luke 13:12 - When **Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her**, "**Woman, you are set free from your infirmity**."
- Luke 13:13 - Then he **put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God**."
- ¶ Luke 13:14 - **Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue leader said** to the people, "There **are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath**."
- ¶ Luke 13:15 - The Lord answered him, "**You hypocrites! Doesn't each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water?**"

Luke 13:16 - Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?"

¶ Luke 13:17 - When he said this, all his opponents were humiliated, but the people were delighted with all the wonderful things he was doing.

The Parables of the Mustard Seed and the Yeast

¶ Luke 13:18 - Then Jesus asked, "What is the kingdom of God like? What shall I compare it to?"

Luke 13:19 - It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his garden. It grew and became a tree, and the birds perched in its branches."

¶ Luke 13:20 - Again he asked, "What shall I compare the kingdom of God to?"

Luke 13:21 - It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough."

The Narrow Door

¶ Luke 13:22 - Then Jesus went through the towns and villages, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem.

Luke 13:23 - Someone asked him, "Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?" He said to them,

Luke 13:24 - "Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to.

Luke 13:25 - Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, 'Sir, open the door for us.' "But he will answer, 'I don't know you or where you come from.'

¶ Luke 13:26 - "Then you will say, 'We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.'

¶ Luke 13:27 - "But he will reply, 'I don't know you or where you come from. Away from me, all you evildoers!'

¶ Luke 13:28 - "There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown out.

Luke 13:29 - People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

Luke 13:30 - Indeed there are those who are last who will be first, and first who will be last."

Jesus' Sorrow for Jerusalem

¶ Luke 13:31 - At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, "Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you."

¶ Luke 13:32 - He replied, "Go tell that fox, 'I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.'

Luke 13:33 - In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day--for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!

¶ Luke 13:34 - "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing.

Luke 13:35 - Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Luke 14

Jesus at a Pharisee's House

¶ Luke 14:1 - One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched.

Luke 14:2 - There in front of him was a man suffering from abnormal swelling of his body.

Luke 14:3 - Jesus asked the Pharisees and experts in the law, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath or not?"

Luke 14:4 - But they remained silent. So taking hold of the man, he healed him and sent him on his way.

¶ Luke 14:5 - Then he asked them, "If one of you has a child or an ox that falls into a well on the Sabbath day, will you not immediately pull it out?"

Luke 14:6 - And they had nothing to say.

¶ Luke 14:7 - When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable:

Luke 14:8 - "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited.

Luke 14:9 - If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give this person your seat.' Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place.

- Luke 14:10 - But when you **are invited, take the lowest place**, so that when **your host comes, he** will say to you, **'Friend, move up to a better place.'** Then you will **be honored in the presence** of all the **other guests**.
- Luke 14:11 - For all those who **exalt** themselves will be **humbled**, and those who **humble** themselves will be **exalted**."
- ¶ Luke 14:12 - Then Jesus said to **his host**, "**When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid.**
- Luke 14:13 - But when you give **a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind,**
- Luke 14:14 - and you will **be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.**"

The Parable of the Great Banquet

- ¶ Luke 14:15 - **When one of those at the table with him heard this, he said to Jesus, "Blessed is the one who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God."**
- ¶ Luke 14:16 - Jesus **replied: "A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests.**
- Luke 14:17 - At the **time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.'**
- ¶ Luke 14:18 - "But they **all alike began to make excuses. The first said, 'I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.'**
- ¶ Luke 14:19 - "Another said, 'I have just **bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.'**
- ¶ Luke 14:20 - "Still another said, **'I just got married, so I can't come.'**
- ¶ Luke 14:21 - "The servant **came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.'**
- ¶ Luke 14:22 - **"'Sir,' the servant said, 'what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.'**
- ¶ Luke 14:23 - "Then the **master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full.**
- Luke 14:24 - I tell you, not one of those who **were invited will get a taste of my banquet.**"

The Cost of Being a Disciple

- ¶ Luke 14:25 - **Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said:**
- Luke 14:26 - "If **anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters--yes, even their own life--such a person cannot be my disciple.**
- Luke 14:27 - And whoever does **not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.**
- ¶ Luke 14:28 - "Suppose one of **you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it?**
- Luke 14:29 - For if **you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you,**
- Luke 14:30 - **saying, 'This person began to build and wasn't able to finish.'**
- ¶ Luke 14:31 - "Or suppose a **king is about to go to war against another king. Won't he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand?**
- Luke 14:32 - If he is not **able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace.**
- Luke 14:33 - In the **same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.**
- ¶ Luke 14:34 - **"Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again?**
- Luke 14:35 - It is **fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; it is thrown out. "Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear."**

Luke 15

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

- ¶ Luke 15:1 - **Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus.**
- Luke 15:2 - But the **Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."**
- ¶ Luke 15:3 - Then Jesus **told them this parable:**
- Luke 15:4 - "Suppose one of you has **a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?**
- Luke 15:5 - And when he finds it, **he joyfully puts it on his shoulders**

Luke 15:6 - **and goes home**. Then **he calls his friends** and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.'

Luke 15:7 - I tell you that in the same **way there** will be **more rejoicing** in **heaven over** one sinner who **repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent**.

The Parable of the Lost Coin

¶ Luke 15:8 - "**Or** suppose a **woman has ten silver coins** and loses **one**. **Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until** she finds it?

Luke 15:9 - And **when she finds it, she calls her friends** and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my **lost coin**.'

Luke 15:10 - In the same **way, I** tell you, there **is rejoicing** in the **presence** of the **angels of God over** one sinner who repents."

The Parable of the Lost Son

¶ Luke 15:11 - Jesus **continued**: "**There** was a man who **had two sons**.

Luke 15:12 - The **younger one said** to his **father**, '**Father, give me my share of the estate**.' **So he divided his property between them**.

¶ Luke 15:13 - "**Not long after** that, the **younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country** and **there squandered his wealth in wild living**.

Luke 15:14 - **After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country**, and he began to be **in need**.

Luke 15:15 - So he went **and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs**.

Luke 15:16 - **He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything**.

¶ Luke 15:17 - "When he came to **his senses, he** said, '**How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death!**'

Luke 15:18 - I **will set** out and go back to my father and **say** to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

Luke 15:19 - I am no longer worthy to be called your **son; make me like one of your hired servants**.'

Luke 15:20 - So **he got up** and went to his **father**. "**But while** he was **still** a long way off, his **father saw** him and was **filled with compassion for him**; he **ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him**.

¶ Luke 15:21 - "The **son said** to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

¶ Luke 15:22 - "But the father said to his **servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet**.

Luke 15:23 - Bring the fattened **calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate**.

Luke 15:24 - For this son of **mine was** dead and is alive again; he was lost and is **found**.' **So they** began to celebrate.

¶ Luke 15:25 - "**Meanwhile, the older son was** in the **field**. **When** he came **near the house, he heard music and dancing**.

Luke 15:26 - So he **called one** of the servants and **asked him what was going on**.

Luke 15:27 - 'Your **brother has come**,' **he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound**.'

¶ Luke 15:28 - "The **older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him**.

Luke 15:29 - But he **answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends**.

Luke 15:30 - But **when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!**'

¶ Luke 15:31 - "'My **son**,' the father said, 'you **are always with me, and everything I have is yours**.

Luke 15:32 - But **we** had to **celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was** dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'"

Luke 16

The Parable of the Shrewd Manager

¶ Luke 16:1 - Jesus told his **disciples**: "**There** was a rich **man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions**.

Luke 16:2 - So he **called him** in and asked him, 'What is this I **hear about** you? **Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer**.'

- ¶ Luke 16:3 - "The manager said to himself, 'What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm ashamed to beg--
- Luke 16:4 - I know what I'll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.'
- ¶ Luke 16:5 - "So he called in each one of his master's debtors. He asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?'
- ¶ Luke 16:6 - "'Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,' he replied. 'The manager told him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.'
- ¶ Luke 16:7 - "Then he asked the second, 'And how much do you owe?' "'A thousand bushels of wheat,' he replied. 'He told him, 'Take your bill and make it eight hundred.'
- ¶ Luke 16:8 - "The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light.
- Luke 16:9 - I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.
- ¶ Luke 16:10 - "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.
- Luke 16:11 - So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?
- Luke 16:12 - And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?
- ¶ Luke 16:13 - "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."
- ¶ Luke 16:14 - The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus.
- Luke 16:15 - He said to them, "You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of others, but God knows your hearts. What people value highly is detestable in God's sight.

Additional Teachings

- ¶ Luke 16:16 - "The Law and the Prophets were proclaimed until John. Since that time, the good news of the kingdom of God is being preached, and everyone is forcing their way into it.
- Luke 16:17 - It is easier for heaven and earth to disappear than for the least stroke of a pen to drop out of the Law.
- ¶ Luke 16:18 - "Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery, and the man who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

The Rich Man and Lazarus

- ¶ Luke 16:19 - "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day.
- Luke 16:20 - At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores
- Luke 16:21 - and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.
- ¶ Luke 16:22 - "The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried.
- Luke 16:23 - In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side.
- Luke 16:24 - So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.'
- ¶ Luke 16:25 - "But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony.
- Luke 16:26 - And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.'
- ¶ Luke 16:27 - "He answered, 'Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family,
- Luke 16:28 - for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.'
- ¶ Luke 16:29 - "Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.'
- ¶ Luke 16:30 - "'No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.'
- ¶ Luke 16:31 - "He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

Luke 17

Sin, Faith, Duty

- ¶ Luke 17:1 - Jesus said to his disciples: "Things that cause people to stumble are bound to come, but woe to anyone through whom they come.

- Luke 17:2 - **It would be better for** them to be **thrown** into the **sea with a millstone tied around their neck than to cause one of these little ones to** stumble.
- Luke 17:3 - **So watch yourselves.** "If your **brother or sister sins** against you, **rebuke them**; and if **they repent**, **forgive** them.
- Luke 17:4 - **Even** if **they sin against you seven times in a day and seven times come back to you saying 'I repent,' you must forgive** them."
- ¶ Luke 17:5 - The **apostles said** to the **Lord**, "**Increase our faith!**"
- ¶ Luke 17:6 - He replied, "If you **have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you.**
- ¶ Luke 17:7 - "**Suppose** one of you has a **servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, 'Come along now and sit down to eat'?**
- Luke 17:8 - **Won't he rather say, 'Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink'?**
- Luke 17:9 - Will **he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do?**
- Luke 17:10 - So you **also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.'**"

Jesus Heals Ten Men With Leprosy

- ¶ Luke 17:11 - Now on his **way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee.**
- Luke 17:12 - As he was **going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance**
- Luke 17:13 - **and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"**
- ¶ Luke 17:14 - When he **saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests."** And as they **went, they were cleansed.**
- ¶ Luke 17:15 - One of them, when he **saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice.**
- Luke 17:16 - **He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him--and he was a Samaritan.**
- ¶ Luke 17:17 - Jesus **asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?"**
- Luke 17:18 - Has no **one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?"**
- Luke 17:19 - Then he said to **him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."**

The Coming of the Kingdom of God

- ¶ Luke 17:20 - **Once, on being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, "The coming of the kingdom of God is not something that can be observed,**
- Luke 17:21 - **nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because the kingdom of God is in your midst."**
- ¶ Luke 17:22 - Then he said to his **disciples, "The time is coming when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, but you will not see it.**
- Luke 17:23 - People **will tell you, 'There he is!' or 'Here he is!' Do not go running off after them.**
- Luke 17:24 - For the Son of Man in **his day will be like the lightning, which flashes and lights up the sky from one end to the other.**
- Luke 17:25 - But **first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.**
- ¶ Luke 17:26 - "Just as it was in the days **of Noah, so also will it be in the days of the Son of Man.**
- Luke 17:27 - People were **eating, drinking, marrying and being given in marriage up to the day Noah entered the ark. Then the flood came and destroyed them all.**
- ¶ Luke 17:28 - "It was the **same in the days of Lot. People were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building.**
- Luke 17:29 - But the **day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all.**
- ¶ Luke 17:30 - "It will be **just like this on the day the Son of Man is revealed.**
- Luke 17:31 - On that **day no one who is on the housetop, with possessions inside, should go down to get them. Likewise, no one in the field should go back for anything.**
- Luke 17:32 - **Remember Lot's wife!**
- Luke 17:33 - **Whoever tries to keep their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life will preserve it.**
- Luke 17:34 - I tell you, on **that night two people will be in one bed; one will be taken and the other left.**
- Luke 17:35 - **Two women will be grinding grain together; one will be taken and the other left."**
- ¶ Luke 17:37 - "**Where, Lord?" they asked. He replied, "Where there is a dead body, there the vultures will gather."**

Luke 18

The Parable of the Persistent Widow

- ¶ Luke 18:1 - Then Jesus told his **disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.**

- Luke 18:2 - He said: "In a **certain town** there was a **judge** who **neither feared God nor cared what people thought**.
- Luke 18:3 - And there was a **widow** in that **town** who **kept coming** to him with **the plea**, '**Grant me justice against my adversary**.'
- ¶ Luke 18:4 - "For **some time** he **refused**. But **finally** he said to **himself**, '**Even though I don't fear God or care what people think**,
- Luke 18:5 - **yet** because **this widow keeps bothering me**, I will see that **she gets justice**, so that **she won't eventually come and attack me!**"
- ¶ Luke 18:6 - And the Lord **said**, "**Listen** to what **the unjust judge says**.
- Luke 18:7 - And will **not God bring about justice for his chosen ones**, who **cry** out to **him day and night**? Will he **keep putting them off**?
- Luke 18:8 - I tell you, he will see that **they get justice**, and **quickly**. However, when the Son of **Man comes**, will he **find faith** on the **earth**?"

The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

- ¶ Luke 18:9 - **To some** who **were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else**, Jesus told this parable:
- Luke 18:10 - "**Two men** went up to the **temple** to pray, **one a Pharisee** and the **other a tax collector**.
- Luke 18:11 - The **Pharisee stood by himself and prayed**: '**God, I thank you** that I **am not like other people--robbers, evildoers, adulterers--or even like this tax collector**.
- Luke 18:12 - **I fast twice a week** and give a **tenth** of all I get.'
- ¶ Luke 18:13 - "But the tax **collector stood** at a **distance**. **He would not even look up to heaven**, but **beat his breast and said**, '**God, have mercy on me, a sinner**.'
- ¶ Luke 18:14 - "I tell you that this **man, rather than the other, went home justified before God**. For all those who **exalt** themselves will be **humbled**, and those who **humble** themselves will be **exalted**."

The Little Children and Jesus

- ¶ Luke 18:15 - People were **also bringing babies** to Jesus for him to **place his hands** on them. When the **disciples saw** this, **they rebuked** them.
- Luke 18:16 - But Jesus called the **children** to him and **said**, "**Let the little children come** to me, and do **not hinder them**, for the kingdom of **God belongs to such as these**.
- Luke 18:17 - Truly I tell **you, anyone** who will **not receive** the kingdom of God like a little **child** will **never enter** it."

The Rich and the Kingdom of God

- ¶ Luke 18:18 - A **certain ruler** asked him, "**Good teacher, what must** I do to **inherit** eternal life?"
- ¶ Luke 18:19 - "**Why** do **you call me good**?" Jesus **answered**. "**No one is good--except God alone**.
- Luke 18:20 - You know **the commandments**: '**You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honor your father and mother**.'"
- ¶ Luke 18:21 - "All **these** I have **kept since** I was a **boy**," he said.
- ¶ Luke 18:22 - When **Jesus heard** this, he said to him, "**You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor**, and you will **have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow** me."
- ¶ Luke 18:23 - When he heard this, **he became very sad**, because he was **very wealthy**.
- Luke 18:24 - Jesus **looked at** him and said, "**How hard it is** for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!
- Luke 18:25 - **Indeed, it is easier** for a **camel to go through the eye of a needle** than for **someone** who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."
- ¶ Luke 18:26 - Those who heard **this** asked, "Who **then can** be **saved**?"
- ¶ Luke 18:27 - Jesus **replied**, "**What is impossible with man is possible with God**."
- ¶ Luke 18:28 - **Peter** said to him, "**We have left all we had to follow** you!"
- ¶ Luke 18:29 - "Truly I tell **you**," Jesus said to **them**, "**no one** who has **left home or wife or brothers or sisters or parents or children** for the **sake** of the kingdom of God
- Luke 18:30 - **will fail to receive many times as much in this age**, and in **the age to come** eternal life."

Jesus Predicts His Death a Third Time

- ¶ Luke 18:31 - **Jesus took** the **Twelve aside** and told **them**, "**We are going** up to **Jerusalem**, and everything that is **written by the prophets about** the Son of Man will be **fulfilled**.
- Luke 18:32 - He will be **delivered over** to the **Gentiles. They will mock him, insult him and spit on** him;
- Luke 18:33 - they **will flog him** and **kill** him. On the **third** day he will **rise again**."
- ¶ Luke 18:34 - The disciples did not **understand any of this. Its meaning was hidden from** them, and they did not know what he **was talking** about.

A Blind Beggar Receives His Sight

- ¶ Luke 18:35 - As Jesus approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging.
- ¶ Luke 18:36 - When he heard the crowd going by, he asked what was happening.
- ¶ Luke 18:37 - They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by."
- ¶ Luke 18:38 - He called out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"
- ¶ Luke 18:39 - Those who led the way rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"
- ¶ Luke 18:40 - Jesus stopped and ordered the man to be brought to him. When he came near, Jesus asked him,
- ¶ Luke 18:41 - "What do you want me to do for you?" "Lord, I want to see," he replied.
- ¶ Luke 18:42 - Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has healed you."
- ¶ Luke 18:43 - Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, praising God. When all the people saw it, they also praised God.

Luke 19

Zacchaeus the Tax Collector

- ¶ Luke 19:1 - Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through.
- ¶ Luke 19:2 - A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy.
- ¶ Luke 19:3 - He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd.
- ¶ Luke 19:4 - So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.
- ¶ Luke 19:5 - When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today."
- ¶ Luke 19:6 - So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.
- ¶ Luke 19:7 - All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner."
- ¶ Luke 19:8 - But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."
- ¶ Luke 19:9 - Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham."
- ¶ Luke 19:10 - For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

The Parable of the Ten Minas

- ¶ Luke 19:11 - While they were listening to this, he went on to tell them a parable, because he was near Jerusalem and the people thought that the kingdom of God was going to appear at once.
- ¶ Luke 19:12 - He said: "A man of noble birth went to a distant country to have himself appointed king and then to return."
- ¶ Luke 19:13 - So he called ten of his servants and gave them ten minas. 'Put this money to work,' he said, 'until I come back.'
- ¶ Luke 19:14 - "But his subjects hated him and sent a delegation after him to say, 'We don't want this man to be our king.'
- ¶ Luke 19:15 - "He was made king, however, and returned home. Then he sent for the servants to whom he had given the money, in order to find out what they had gained with it.
- ¶ Luke 19:16 - "The first one came and said, 'Sir, your mina has earned ten more.'
- ¶ Luke 19:17 - "'Well done, my good servant!' his master replied. 'Because you have been trustworthy in a very small matter, take charge of ten cities.'
- ¶ Luke 19:18 - "The second came and said, 'Sir, your mina has earned five more.'
- ¶ Luke 19:19 - "His master answered, 'You take charge of five cities.'
- ¶ Luke 19:20 - "Then another servant came and said, 'Sir, here is your mina; I have kept it laid away in a piece of cloth.'
- ¶ Luke 19:21 - I was afraid of you, because you are a hard man. You take out what you did not put in and reap what you did not sow.'
- ¶ Luke 19:22 - "His master replied, 'I will judge you by your own words, you wicked servant! You knew, did you, that I am a hard man, taking out what I did not put in, and reaping what I did not sow?'
- ¶ Luke 19:23 - Why then didn't you put my money on deposit, so that when I came back, I could have collected it with interest?'
- ¶ Luke 19:24 - "Then he said to those standing by, 'Take his mina away from him and give it to the one who has ten minas.'
- ¶ Luke 19:25 - "'Sir,' they said, 'he already has ten!'

¶ Luke 19:26 - "He replied, 'I tell you **that to everyone** who **has, more** will be **given, but as** for the one who **has nothing, even what they have will be taken** away."

Luke 19:27 - **But those enemies of mine who did not want me to be king over them--bring them here and kill them in front** of me."

Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King

¶ Luke 19:28 - After Jesus had said this, he went on **ahead, going** up to Jerusalem.

Luke 19:29 - As he **approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill** called the Mount of **Olives, he sent two** of his **disciples, saying** to them,

Luke 19:30 - "**Go to the village ahead** of you, and as you **enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here.**

Luke 19:31 - If **anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?'** say, **'The Lord needs it.'**"

¶ Luke 19:32 - Those who **were sent ahead went** and **found it just** as he had **told** them.

Luke 19:33 - As they **were untying the colt, its owners asked** them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

¶ Luke 19:34 - They replied, "The Lord needs it."

¶ Luke 19:35 - **They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it.**

Luke 19:36 - As he **went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.**

¶ Luke 19:37 - When he came near the **place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:**

¶ Luke 19:38 - "**Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!**" **"Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"**

¶ Luke 19:39 - **Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"**

¶ Luke 19:40 - "I tell you," he replied, "if **they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.**"

¶ Luke 19:41 - As he **approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it**

Luke 19:42 - and said, "If you, **even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace--but now it is hidden** from your **eyes.**

Luke 19:43 - The **days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side.**

Luke 19:44 - They **will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you.**"

Jesus at the Temple

¶ Luke 19:45 - When Jesus entered the temple **courts, he began to drive out those who were selling.**

Luke 19:46 - "It is **written,**" he said to **them, "My house will be a house of prayer'; but you have made it 'a den of robbers.'"**

¶ Luke 19:47 - Every day he was **teaching** at the temple. But the chief **priests, the teachers of the law and the leaders among the people were trying to kill him.**

Luke 19:48 - **Yet they could not find any way to do it, because all the people hung on his words.**

Luke 21

The Widow's Offering

¶ Luke 21:1 - As Jesus **looked up, he saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury.**

Luke 21:2 - **He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins.**

Luke 21:3 - "Truly I tell you," he said, "**this poor widow has put in more than all the others.**

Luke 21:4 - **All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.**"

The Destruction of the Temple and Signs of the End Times

¶ Luke 21:5 - Some of **his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God.** But Jesus said,

Luke 21:6 - "As for what you **see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down.**"

¶ Luke 21:7 - "**Teacher,**" they **asked, "when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?"**

¶ Luke 21:8 - He **replied: "Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and, 'The time is near.' Do not follow them.**

- Luke 21:9 - When you **hear of wars and uprisings**, do not **be frightened**. These things **must happen first**, but the **end will not come right away**."
- ¶ Luke 21:10 - Then he said to **them**: "**Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom**."
- Luke 21:11 - There will be **great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places**, and **fearful events and great signs from heaven**.
- ¶ Luke 21:12 - "**But before all this**, they will **seize you and persecute you**. They will **hand you over to synagogues** and **put you in prison**, and you will be **brought before kings and governors**, and **all on account** of my name.
- Luke 21:13 - And so you will **bear testimony to me**.
- Luke 21:14 - **But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves**.
- Luke 21:15 - For I will **give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict**.
- Luke 21:16 - You will **be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends**, and they will **put some of you to death**.
- Luke 21:17 - **Everyone will hate you** because of me.
- Luke 21:18 - **But not a hair of your head will perish**.
- Luke 21:19 - **Stand firm, and you will win life**.
- ¶ Luke 21:20 - "When you **see Jerusalem being surrounded by armies**, you will know that **its desolation is near**.
- Luke 21:21 - **Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those in the city get out, and let those in the country not enter the city**.
- Luke 21:22 - For this is the time **of punishment in fulfillment of all that has been written**.
- Luke 21:23 - **How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers!** There will be **great distress in the land and wrath against this people**.
- Luke 21:24 - They will **fall by the sword** and will be **taken as prisoners to all the nations**. Jerusalem will be **trampled on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled**.
- ¶ Luke 21:25 - "There will **be signs in the sun, moon and stars**. On the earth, nations will be in **anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea**.
- Luke 21:26 - People will **faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken**.
- Luke 21:27 - At that **time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory**.
- Luke 21:28 - **When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near**."
- ¶ Luke 21:29 - He **told them this parable**: "**Look at the fig tree and all the trees**.
- Luke 21:30 - When **they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near**.
- Luke 21:31 - **Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near**.
- ¶ Luke 21:32 - "Truly I tell you, this **generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened**.
- Luke 21:33 - Heaven and **earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away**.
- ¶ Luke 21:34 - "**Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap**.
- Luke 21:35 - For it will come on all those **who live on the face of the whole earth**.
- Luke 21:36 - **Be always on the watch, and pray** that you may be able **to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man**."
- ¶ Luke 21:37 - Each day Jesus was **teaching at the temple, and each evening he went out to spend the night on the hill called the Mount of Olives**,
- Luke 21:38 - and all the **people came early in the morning to hear him** at the temple.

Luke 22

Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus

- ¶ Luke 22:1 - Now the **Festival of Unleavened Bread, called the Passover, was approaching**,
- Luke 22:2 - and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were **looking for some way to get rid of Jesus**, for they were **afraid** of the people.
- Luke 22:3 - **Then Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, one of the Twelve**.
- Luke 22:4 - **And Judas went to the chief priests and the officers of the temple guard and discussed with them how he might betray Jesus**.
- Luke 22:5 - They were **delighted and agreed to give him money**.
- Luke 22:6 - **He consented, and watched for an opportunity to hand Jesus over to them when no crowd was present**.

The Last Supper

- ¶ Luke 22:7 - **Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed.**
- Luke 22:8 - **Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover."**
- ¶ Luke 22:9 - **"Where do you want us to prepare for it?" they asked.**
- ¶ Luke 22:10 - He **replied, "As you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him to the house that he enters,**
- Luke 22:11 - **and say to the owner of the house, "The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"**
- Luke 22:12 - He **will show you a large room upstairs, all furnished. Make preparations there."**
- ¶ Luke 22:13 - **They left and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.**
- ¶ Luke 22:14 - When **the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table.**
- Luke 22:15 - And he said to **them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.**
- Luke 22:16 - For I tell you, I will **not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God."**
- ¶ Luke 22:17 - **After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you.**
- Luke 22:18 - For I tell you I will **not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."**
- ¶ Luke 22:19 - And he took bread, gave thanks and **broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."**
- ¶ Luke 22:20 - In the **same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.**
- Luke 22:21 - But the hand of him who is going to **betray me is with mine on the table.**
- Luke 22:22 - The Son of Man will **go as it has been decreed. But woe to that man who betrays him!"**
- Luke 22:23 - They began to **question among themselves which of them it might be who would do this.**
- ¶ Luke 22:24 - **A dispute also arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest.**
- Luke 22:25 - Jesus said to them, **"The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors.**
- Luke 22:26 - But you are not to be **like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves.**
- Luke 22:27 - **For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.**
- Luke 22:28 - You are those **who have stood by me in my trials.**
- Luke 22:29 - And I **confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me,**
- Luke 22:30 - so that you may eat and **drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.**
- ¶ Luke 22:31 - **"Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat.**
- Luke 22:32 - But I **have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."**
- ¶ Luke 22:33 - But he replied, "Lord, I **am ready to go with you to prison and to death."**
- ¶ Luke 22:34 - Jesus **answered, "I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me."**
- ¶ Luke 22:35 - Then Jesus asked them, "When I **sent you without purse, bag or sandals, did you lack anything?" "Nothing," they answered.**
- ¶ Luke 22:36 - He said to them, "But now if you have a **purse, take it, and also a bag; and if you don't have a sword, sell your cloak and buy one.**
- Luke 22:37 - It is **written: 'And he was numbered with the transgressors'; and I tell you that this must be fulfilled in me. Yes, what is written about me is reaching its fulfillment."**
- ¶ Luke 22:38 - The disciples **said, "See, Lord, here are two swords." "That's enough!" he replied.**

Jesus Prays on the Mount of Olives

- ¶ Luke 22:39 - Jesus went **out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him.**
- Luke 22:40 - **On reaching the place, he said to them, "Pray that you will not fall into temptation."**
- Luke 22:41 - **He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed,**
- Luke 22:42 - **"Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done."**
- Luke 22:43 - An **angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him.**
- Luke 22:44 - And **being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.**
- ¶ Luke 22:45 - When **he rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow.**
- Luke 22:46 - "Why are **you sleeping?**" he asked **them. "Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation."**

Jesus Arrested

- ¶ Luke 22:47 - **While he was still speaking a crowd came up, and the man who was called Judas, one of the Twelve,**

- was leading them. He **approached Jesus to kiss him**,
 Luke 22:48 - but Jesus asked him, "**Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?**"
 ¶ Luke 22:49 - When Jesus' **followers saw** what was going to **happen**, they said, "Lord, should **we strike with our swords?**"
 Luke 22:50 - And one of **them struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear.**
 ¶ Luke 22:51 - But Jesus answered, "**No more of this!**" And **he touched the man's ear and healed** him.
 ¶ Luke 22:52 - Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple guard, and the **elders, who** had come for him, "**Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come with swords and clubs?**"
 Luke 22:53 - **Every** day I was with you in the temple **courts**, and you did **not lay a hand on** me. But this is **your hour-- when darkness reigns.**"

Peter Disowns Jesus

- ¶ Luke 22:54 - **Then seizing him, they led him away and** took him into the house of the high **priest. Peter followed at a distance.**
 Luke 22:55 - And **when some there had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter sat** down with them.
 Luke 22:56 - A **servant girl saw him seated there in the firelight. She looked closely at** him and said, "This man was with him."
 ¶ Luke 22:57 - But **he denied it. "Woman, I don't know him,"** he said.
 ¶ Luke 22:58 - A **little later someone else saw** him and said, "You **also are one of them.**" "**Man, I am not!**" Peter replied.
 ¶ Luke 22:59 - **About an hour later another asserted, "Certainly this fellow was with him, for he is a Galilean."**
 ¶ Luke 22:60 - Peter **replied, "Man, I don't know what you're talking about!" Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed.**
 Luke 22:61 - The **Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to** him: "Before the rooster crows today, you **will disown me** three times."
 Luke 22:62 - And he went **outside and wept bitterly.**

The Guards Mock Jesus

- ¶ Luke 22:63 - The **men who were guarding Jesus began mocking and beating him.**
 Luke 22:64 - **They blindfolded him and demanded, "Prophecy! Who hit you?"**
 Luke 22:65 - And they **said many other insulting things** to him.

Jesus Before Pilate and Herod

- ¶ Luke 22:66 - **At daybreak the council of the elders of the people, both the chief priests and the teachers of the law, met together, and Jesus was led before them.**
 Luke 22:67 - "If you are the **Messiah,**" **they said, "tell us."** Jesus answered, "If I tell you, you will not **believe me,**
 Luke 22:68 - and if **I asked you, you would not answer.**
 Luke 22:69 - **But from** now on, the Son of Man will **be seated at the right hand of the mighty God.**"
 ¶ Luke 22:70 - They **all asked, "Are you then the Son of God?"** He replied, "You **say that** I am."
 ¶ Luke 22:71 - Then they **said, "Why do we need any more testimony? We have heard it from his own lips."**

Luke 23

- ¶ Luke 23:1 - Then the **whole assembly rose and led him off to** Pilate.
 Luke 23:2 - And they **began to accuse him, saying, "We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar and claims to be Messiah, a king."**
 ¶ Luke 23:3 - So Pilate asked Jesus, "**Are you the king of the Jews?**" "**You have said so,**" Jesus **replied.**
 ¶ Luke 23:4 - **Then Pilate announced to** the chief priests and the **crowd, "I find no basis for a charge against** this man."
 ¶ Luke 23:5 - But **they insisted, "He stirs up the people all over Judea by his teaching. He started in Galilee and has come all the way here."**
 ¶ Luke 23:6 - **On hearing this, Pilate asked if** the man was a **Galilean.**
 Luke 23:7 - When **he learned that Jesus was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at** that time.
 ¶ Luke 23:8 - **When Herod saw Jesus, he was greatly pleased, because for a long time he had been wanting to see him. From what he had heard about him, he hoped to see him perform a sign of some sort.**
 Luke 23:9 - **He plied him with many questions, but Jesus gave him no answer.**

- Luke 23:10 - The chief priests and the **teachers** of the **law** were standing there, **vehemently accusing him**.
- Luke 23:11 - **Then Herod** and **his soldiers ridiculed and** mocked him. **Dressing him in an elegant robe**, they sent him back to Pilate.
- Luke 23:12 - That **day Herod and Pilate became friends--before this** they had **been enemies**.
- ¶ Luke 23:13 - **Pilate called together the** chief priests, the **rulers and** the people,
- Luke 23:14 - and said to them, "**You brought me this man as** one who **was inciting the** people **to rebellion**. **I have examined him** in **your presence and have found no** basis for **your charges against** him.
- Luke 23:15 - **Neither has Herod**, for he sent him back to **us**; as you **can** see, he has done nothing **to deserve death**.
- Luke 23:16 - Therefore, I **will punish him** and then release him."
- ¶ Luke 23:18 - But the whole **crowd shouted**, "**Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us!**"
- Luke 23:19 - (**Barabbas had** been thrown into prison for **an insurrection in the city, and for murder**.)
- ¶ Luke 23:20 - Wanting **to release Jesus**, **Pilate appealed to them again**.
- Luke 23:21 - But **they kept shouting**, "**Crucify him! Crucify him!**"
- ¶ Luke 23:22 - For the **third time he spoke** to them: "**Why? What crime has this man committed? I have found in him no grounds for the death penalty**. Therefore I will **have him punished and** then release him."
- ¶ Luke 23:23 - **But with loud shouts they insistently demanded that he be crucified, and their shouts prevailed**.
- Luke 23:24 - **So Pilate decided to grant their demand**.
- Luke 23:25 - **He released the** man who had been thrown into prison **for insurrection and murder, the one they asked for, and surrendered Jesus to their will**.

The Crucifixion of Jesus

- ¶ Luke 23:26 - As the **soldiers led him away, they seized Simon from Cyrene, who** was on his **way in** from the **country**, and **put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus**.
- Luke 23:27 - A **large number of people followed** him, including women who **mourned and wailed for** him.
- Luke 23:28 - Jesus **turned** and said to **them**, "**Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children**.
- Luke 23:29 - For the time will come when you will say, '**Blessed are the childless women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!**'"
- Luke 23:30 - Then "'they will say to the **mountains**, '**Fall on us!**' and to the **hills**, '**Cover us!**'"
- ¶ Luke 23:31 - For if people **do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?**"
- ¶ Luke 23:32 - **Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed**.
- Luke 23:33 - When they came to the **place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along** with the **criminals--one on his right, the other on his left**.
- Luke 23:34 - Jesus **said**, "**Father, forgive** them, for they do not **know** what they **are doing**." **And they divided up his clothes by casting lots**.
- ¶ Luke 23:35 - The **people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at** him. They said, "**He saved others; let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen One**."
- ¶ Luke 23:36 - The **soldiers also came up and mocked** him. **They offered him wine vinegar**
- Luke 23:37 - and said, "If you are the king of the **Jews, save yourself**."
- ¶ Luke 23:38 - There was **a written notice above him, which read: this is the king of the jews**.
- ¶ Luke 23:39 - One of the **criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"**
- ¶ Luke 23:40 - But the **other criminal rebuked him**. "**Don't you fear God,**" he **said, "since you are under the same sentence?**"
- Luke 23:41 - **We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong**."
- ¶ Luke 23:42 - Then he **said**, "**Jesus, remember me when you come into** your kingdom."
- ¶ Luke 23:43 - Jesus **answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise**."

The Death of Jesus

- ¶ Luke 23:44 - It **was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon**,
- Luke 23:45 - for the **sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two**.
- Luke 23:46 - Jesus called out with a loud **voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit**." **When he had said this, he breathed his last**.
- ¶ Luke 23:47 - **The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said, "Surely this was a righteous man**."
- Luke 23:48 - When all the **people who had gathered to witness this sight saw what took place, they beat their breasts and** went away.
- Luke 23:49 - **But all those who knew him, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things**.

The Burial of Jesus

- ¶ Luke 23:50 - Now there was a man **named** Joseph, **a member of the Council, a good and upright man,**
Luke 23:51 - who **had not consented to their decision and action.** He came from **the Judean town of Arimathea,**
and he himself was **waiting** for the kingdom of God.
Luke 23:52 - **Going to Pilate, he** asked for Jesus' body.
Luke 23:53 - Then he took it **down, wrapped it in linen cloth and placed it** in a **tomb cut in the rock, one** in which
no **one had yet been laid.**
Luke 23:54 - It was **Preparation Day,** and the **Sabbath was about to begin.**
¶ Luke 23:55 - The women who had come with **Jesus from Galilee followed Joseph** and saw the tomb and **how his**
body was laid in it.
Luke 23:56 - Then they went **home and prepared spices and perfumes.** But they **rested on the Sabbath in**
obedience to the commandment.

Luke 24

Jesus Has Risen

- ¶ Luke 24:1 - On the **first day of the week, very early** in the **morning, the women took the spices they had**
prepared and went to the tomb.
Luke 24:2 - They found **the stone rolled away** from the tomb,
Luke 24:3 - but when they **entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.**
Luke 24:4 - While they **were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning**
stood beside them.
Luke 24:5 - In **their fright the women bowed down** with their **faces to the ground, but the men said** to them, "Why
do **you look for the living among** the dead?
Luke 24:6 - He is **not here;** he has **risen! Remember how** he told you, while he was still with you in **Galilee:**
Luke 24:7 - 'The **Son of Man** must be **delivered** over to the hands **of sinners, be** crucified and on the third day be
raised again.' "
Luke 24:8 - Then **they remembered his** words.
¶ Luke 24:9 - When they came **back from the tomb, they told all** these things to the Eleven and to all the others.
Luke 24:10 - It was **Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James,** and the **others with** them who told this to
the **apostles.**
Luke 24:11 - But they did not **believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense.**
Luke 24:12 - **Peter, however, got up and ran** to the **tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by**
themselves, and he went **away, wondering to** himself what had happened.

On the Road to Emmaus

- ¶ Luke 24:13 - **Now that same day two** of them were going to a **village called Emmaus, about seven miles from**
Jerusalem.
Luke 24:14 - They were talking with each **other about everything** that had happened.
Luke 24:15 - As **they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked**
along with them;
Luke 24:16 - but they **were kept from recognizing him.**
¶ Luke 24:17 - He asked them, "**What are you discussing together as you walk along?**" They **stood still, their faces**
downcast.
Luke 24:18 - One of **them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not**
know the things that have **happened there** in these **days?"**
¶ Luke 24:19 - "**What things?**" he **asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in**
word and deed before God and all the **people.**
Luke 24:20 - The **chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and** they crucified him;
Luke 24:21 - but **we had hoped that** he was the one who was going **to redeem Israel.** And what is **more, it** is the third
day since all this took place.
Luke 24:22 - **In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning**
Luke 24:23 - **but didn't find his body. They came and told us that** they had **seen a vision of angels, who said** he
was alive.
Luke 24:24 - Then some of **our companions went** to the tomb and found it **just** as the **women had** said, but they did
not **see Jesus.**"
¶ Luke 24:25 - He said to them, "**How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all** that the **prophets have spoken!**
Luke 24:26 - Did not the **Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?"**

- Luke 24:27 - **And beginning with Moses** and all the **Prophets**, **he explained** to them what was said in all the **Scriptures concerning himself**.
- ¶ Luke 24:28 - As **they approached** the village to **which they were going**, **Jesus continued on as if he were going farther**.
- Luke 24:29 - But **they urged him strongly**, "**Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.**" **So** he went **in to stay** with them.
- ¶ Luke 24:30 - When he **was at** the **table** with them, he took bread, gave **thanks**, **broke** it and **began to give** it to them.
- Luke 24:31 - **Then their eyes were opened** and **they recognized him**, and **he disappeared from their sight**.
- Luke 24:32 - They **asked each other**, "**Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?**"
- ¶ Luke 24:33 - **They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem**. **There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together**
- Luke 24:34 - and **saying**, "**It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.**"
- Luke 24:35 - Then the **two told what had happened on the way**, and **how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread**.

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

- ¶ Luke 24:36 - While they **were still talking** about **this**, **Jesus himself stood among** them and said to **them**, "**Peace be with you.**"
- ¶ Luke 24:37 - They **were startled and frightened, thinking they** saw a ghost.
- Luke 24:38 - He said to them, "**Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds?**"
- Luke 24:39 - Look at **my hands** and **my feet**. **It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.**"
- ¶ Luke 24:40 - When he had said this, **he showed them his hands and feet**.
- Luke 24:41 - **And while they still did not believe it** because of joy and **amazement**, **he** asked them, "**Do you have anything here to eat?**"
- Luke 24:42 - **They gave** him a **piece of broiled fish**,
- Luke 24:43 - and he took it **and ate it in their presence**.
- ¶ Luke 24:44 - He said to them, "**This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.**"
- ¶ Luke 24:45 - Then **he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures**.
- Luke 24:46 - He told them, "**This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day,**
- Luke 24:47 - **and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.**
- Luke 24:48 - You **are witnesses of** these things.
- Luke 24:49 - **I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.**"

The Ascension of Jesus

- ¶ Luke 24:50 - When he **had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany**, **he lifted** up his hands and **blessed** them.
- Luke 24:51 - While he **was blessing them**, **he left** them and **was taken up into heaven**.
- Luke 24:52 - Then **they worshiped him** and returned to **Jerusalem with great joy**.
- Luke 24:53 - And **they stayed continually at the temple, praising** God.