

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**
- Luke 1:55 - 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 **Iscaiot**, 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 **demand**ed, "**Prophesy!** 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.