

Correspondence Bible Study

Lesson #35 – Gospel of Luke

PRAYER:

Let Christ's thoughts in Luke 22:39-46 be your thoughts.

Notes on Luke:

Most agree that the Luke who accompanied Paul (Col.4:14 and Philemon 24 and 2 Timothy 4:11) is the author of the third synoptic gospel. He was a doctor and was surely a great help to Paul. Most likely he was a Gentile. As such, he would be the only gentile writer in the Bible.

Though the gospel is addressed to an individual, Theophilus, the message was written so that Jew and Gentile could see in Jesus the universal Savior. Luke's main point can be seen in 19:10, "The Son of Man came to seek and save what was lost." In his preface, (1:1-4) Luke shows that he has researched the life and work of Jesus. The Holy Spirit guided him in writing the most complete of the four accounts of the life of Christ.

In this lesson we will concentrate on the time of Jesus' life from His entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to His death and Resurrection. Luke gives many details of this period of time.

Questions on Luke:

1. Chapter 19:28-44 - Jesus entered Jerusalem in a way fitting for who He was. Notice the similarities of the words of the crowd (19:38) and those of the angels at His birth (2:14). What were some of the common truths spoken?
2. Chapter 20:9-19 – Read the parable with your knowledge of the Old Testament and New Testament in mind. What and who was Jesus really talking about?
3. Jesus taught many things during the days before His death. In 21:5-38 what are some of the major thoughts of Christ concerning the end of the age?
4. Chapter 22:7-23 – What are the key words of the Lord's Supper for us as Lutherans today?
5. Chapter 22:24-38, 54-62 – What strikes you about Peter's great promise and denials?
6. Chapter 22:63 - 23:1-25 – Jesus says very little in front of the different rulers. Why do you think Jesus did not speak more?
7. Chapters 23 – What can we learn from God's mercy and the power of faith from the thieves on the cross?

8. Jesus says seven sentences from the cross. Luke has three of them. Using all four of the gospels, list the seven sentences from the cross and comment on the one that means something special to you?
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 - 2.)
 - 3.)
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9. Chapter 24:1-12 – What shows that Jesus' family and friends did not believe that He was going to rise on the third day?
10. Chapter 24:36-49 – In which ways did Jesus prove to the disciples He had really risen bodily from the grave?
11. Why is the bodily resurrection of Christ so important to us as Christians? (See 1Cor. 15).
12. Chapter 24:50-52 – This short account of Jesus' ascension is the only one that tells of Jesus raising His arms to bless His disciples. The statue of Christ with His arms outstretched in blessing is taken from these words.

Your questions on Luke...

Begin to read John