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HUDDLE

Men's Lunch Bible Study Group

2008-2009 Study of Luke

Facilitated by Dr. Greg Smith

Enclosed are the weekly handouts from our 23 week study of Luke

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Luke Chapter 1, facilitated by Dr. Greg Smith
October 23, 2008 / 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. / Spencer Hall

Meal

Sharing/Praying

Bible Study

Structure

- Prologue to the Gospel (v.1-4)
- Annunciation of the Birth of John (v.5-25)
- Annunciation of the Birth of Jesus (v.26-38)
- Elizabeth and Mary Meet (v.39-56)
- Birth of John (v.57-80)

Annunciations, Patterned after Old Testament

- Appearance of an angel (or of the Lord)
- The response of fear
- The divine message
- An objection
- The giving of a sign to guarantee the divine announcement

Characters

- Theophilus (v.3) *God lover*
- King Herod of Judea (v.5)
- Zechariah (v. 5) *the Lord remembers*
- Elizabeth (v.5) *my God is an oath*
- John (v.13) *the Lord has shown favor*
- (Angel) Gabriel (v.19) *God is my strength*
- Mary (v.27) *loved by God?*
- Joseph (v.27) *God will increase*

Songs

- Mary's Song – the Magnificat (v. 46-55)
- Zechariah's Song – the Benedictus (v. 67-79)

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Luke Chapter 2, facilitated by Dr. Greg Smith
October 30, 2008 / 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. / Spencer Hall

Meal

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Bible Study

Structure

- Birth of Jesus (v.1-7)
- Shepherds and Angels (v.8-20)
- Presentation of Jesus in the Temple (v.21-28)
- Simeon and Anna (v.29-38)
- Childhood of Jesus (v.39-52)

New Characters

- Caesar Augustus (v.1)
- Quirinius (v.1)
- Jesus (v.7)
- Shepherds (v. 8)
- Angel of the Lord (v.9)
- Multitude of the heavenly hosts (v.13)
- Simeon (v.25)
- Anna (v.36)

Returning Characters

- Joseph (v.4)
- Mary (v.5)

Unique to Luke

- Census under Caesar Augustus & Quirinius (v.1-2)
- Baby in a manger story and shepherds at Jesus' birth (v.7-20)
- Circumcision and naming of Jesus (v.21-24)
- Presentation at the Temple (v.25-38)
 - Simeon (v.25-35), including his song: *Nunc Dimittis* (v.29-31)
 - Anna the prophetess (v.36-38)
- Jesus in the Temple at age twelve (v.41-52)

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Luke Chapter 3, facilitated by Dr. Greg Smith
November 6, 2008 / 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. / Spencer Hall

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Bible Study

Structure

- John the Baptist Prepares the Way (v.1-20)
- Baptism of Jesus (v.21-22)
- Genealogy of Jesus (v.23-38)

New Characters

- Emperor Tiberius
- Pontius Pilate (was governor of Judea)
- Herod (was ruler of Galilee)
- Philip (ruler of the region of Iturea and Trachonitis)
- Lysanias (ruler of Abilene)
- (during the high priesthood of) Annas and Caiaphas
- Tax collectors
- Soldiers
- Herodias
- [son (as was thought) of Joseph] son of Heli, 24 son of Matthat, son of Levi, son of Melchi, son of Jannai, son of Joseph, 25 son of Mattathias, son of Amos, son of Nahum, son of Esli, son of Naggai, 26 son of Maath, son of Mattathias, son of Semein, son of Josech, son of Joda, 27 son of Joanan, son of Rhesa, son of Zerubbabel, son of Shealtiel, son of Neri, 28 son of Melchi, son of Addi, son of Cosam, son of Elmadam, son of Er, 29 son of Joshua, son of Eliezer, son of Jorim, son of Matthat, son of Levi, 30 son of Simeon, son of Judah, son of Joseph, son of Jonam, son of Eliakim, 31 son of Melea, son of Menna, son of Mattatha, son of Nathan, son of David, 32 son of Jesse, son of Obed, son of Boaz, son of Sala, son of Nahshon, 33 son of Amminadab, son of Admin, son of Arni, son of Hezron, son of Perez, son of Judah, 34 son of Jacob, son of Isaac, son of Abraham, son of Terah, son of Nahor, 35 son of Serug, son of Reu, son of Peleg, son of Eber, son of Shelah, 36 son of Cainan, son of Arphaxad, son of Shem, son of Noah, son of Lamech, 37 son of Methuselah, son of Enoch, son of Jared, son of Mahalaleel, son of Cainan, 38 son of Enos, son of Seth, son of Adam, son of God.

Matthew's genealogy stops with Abraham but Luke's goes back to Adam.

"Luke, by verse 38, has taken us right back to Adam, who was the son of God. Luke is showing the universality of the mission of Christ. Jesus Christ is not just for the Jews, but for the Gentiles, for the Romans and the Greeks. Jesus is the new Adam, the author of the new humanity, the one who comes to redeem and to reconcile men from every tribe and nation . . ."

(R.C. Sproul, *A Walk with God: An Exposition of Luke*)

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Luke Chapter 4, facilitated by Dr. Greg Smith
November 13, 2008 / 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. / Spencer Hall

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Bible Study

Overall Structure

- Prologue (1:1-4)
- Infancy Narrative (1:5-2:52)
- Preparation of the Ministry of Jesus (3:1-4:13)
- The Ministry in Galilee (4:14-9:50)
- The Journey to Jerusalem (9:51-19:27)
- The Ministry in Jerusalem (19:28-21:38)
- The Passion and Resurrection (22:1-24:53)

Structure of Chapter 4

- Temptation of Jesus (v.1-13)
- Jesus Rejected at Nazareth (v.14-30)
- Jesus Drives Out an Evil Spirit (v.31-36)
- Jesus Heals Many (v.37-44)

New Characters

- Devil/Satan (v. 2)
- Attendant (v.20)
- Elisha (v.27)
- Naaman the Syrian (v.27)
- Man possessed by an a demon (v.33)
- Simon (v. 38)
- Simon's mother-in-law (v.38)

Holy Spirit

- v. 1 "Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit . . ."
- v.14 "Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit . . ."

Son of God

- Appears just six times in Luke – half in today's chapter
- Once at the annunciation (1:35); twice in the Devil's temptation (4:3, 9); twice in the outcry of demons (4:41 & 8:28); and one in the accusations of the chief priests, scribes and the council (22:70)

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Luke Chapter 5, facilitated by Dr. Greg Smith
November 20, 2008 / 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. / Spencer Hall

Structure of Chapter 4

- Calling the First Disciples (v.1-11)
- Healing a Leper (v.12-16)
- Healing the Paralytic (v.17-26)
- Calling Levi, Eating with Outcasts (v.27-32)
- Debate about Fasting (v.33-39)

New Characters

- Simon (appears in v. 38 of Ch. 4 – more fully introduced in Ch. 5)
- James and John - sons of Zebedee and Simon's partners (v. 10)
- Levi the tax collector (v.38)

Calling the Disciples

- Simon, James and John (v.1-11)
- Levi (v.32)

Prayer and Fasting

- v.16 – Jesus regularly withdrew to be alone and pray
- v. 33-35 – only story in the New Testament questioning fasting

Miracles of Jesus in Luke

1. Casting out an unclean spirit in Capernaum (4:33-37)
2. Healing Peter's mother-in-law in Capernaum (4:38-39)
3. Healing the sick one evening in Capernaum (4:40-41)
4. Catch of fish (5:1-11)
5. Cleansing a leper (5:12-15)
6. Healing a paralytic (5:18-26)
7. Healing a man's withered hand (6:6-11)
8. Healing a centurion's servant (7:1-10)
9. Raising a widow's son at Nain (7:11-16)
10. Stilling the storm (8:22-25)
11. Freeing the Gadarene from demon possession (8:26-39)
12. Sending the demons into the swine (8:30-33)
13. Raising Jairus' daughter (8:40-56)
14. Healing the hemorrhaging woman (8:43-48)
15. Feeding the 5,000 (9:10-17)
16. Healing the epileptic boy (9:38-42)
17. Curing a man who was blind and deaf (11:14)
18. Healing the infirmed bent woman (13:11-17)
19. Healing the man with dropsy (14:1-6)
20. Cleansing the ten lepers (17:11-19)
21. Giving blind Bartimaeus his sight (18:35-43)
22. Healing a servant's ear (22:49-51)

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December 4, 2008 / 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. / Spencer Hall

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Bible Study

Structure of Chapter 6

- Debate About the Sabbath (v.1-11)
- Choosing the Twelve (v.12-16)
- Jesus' Instruction to His Disciples (v.17-49)
 - The Setting for Jesus' Instruction (v. 17-19)
 - Blessings on the Poor and Woes to the Rich (v.20-26)
 - Love Your Enemies (v.27-36)
 - Judge Not (v.37-38)
 - Parables on the Meaning of Discipleship (v.39-49)

New Characters

- Andrew (v. 14)
- Philip (v. 14)
- Bartholomew (v. 14)
- Matthew (v. 15)
- Thomas (v. 15)
- James, son of Alphaeus (v. 15)
- Simon, who was called the Zealot (v. 15)
- Judas, son of James (v. 16)
- Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor (v. 16)

Choosing the Twelve

- Not calling of disciples, but commissioning 12 to serve as apostles
- Apostles in secular world of the day were those persons who served as a representative of a king or an important political ruler and had authority to speak on behalf of the one who sent him
- Several lists of 12 with some differences but Simon (Peter) is always first (and in the Gospels Judas Iscariot is always last)

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Luke Chapter 7, facilitated by Dr. Greg Smith
December 11, 2008 / 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. / Spencer Hall

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Serving – Project Possibilities?

Bible Study

Chapters 7-9: Luke seeks to show Jesus as Messiah (even greater than a prophet)

7:1 to 8:3 = “The Little Insertion”

Structure of Chapter 7

- Healing the Centurion’s Slave (v.1-10)
- Raising the Widow’s Son (v.11-17)
- Jesus and John the Baptist (v.18-35)
- Jesus Anointed by a Sinful Woman (v.36-50)

New Characters

- Centurion (v. 3)
- Widow in Nain & her son (v. 12)
- Sinful woman (v. 37)
- Simon, the Pharisee party host (v. 40)*

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HUDDLE

Luke Chapter 8, facilitated by Dr. Greg Smith
December 18, 2008 / 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. / Spencer Hall

Reminder: No HUDDLE December 25 or January 1. Next study is Luke 9 on January 8.

Meal

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Serving – Report from Workgroup and Next Steps

Bible Study

Structure of Chapter 8

- Hearing and Doing God's Word (v.1-21)
 - Jesus Followers: The Women (v.1-3)
 - Parable of the Seed and Soil (v.4-15)
 - What is Hidden and What is Revealed (v.16-18)
 - Jesus Followers: His Mother and Brothers (v.19-21)
- The Power of God at Work in Jesus (v.22-56)
 - Master over Storms (v.22-25)
 - Master over Demons (v.26-39)
 - Master over Sickness and Death (v.40-56)

New Characters

- Mary called Magdalene from whom seven demons had come out (v.2)
- Joanna, the wife of Cuza, the manager of Herod's household (v.3)
- Susanna (v.3)
- Jesus' unnamed brothers (v.19)
- Gerasene demoniac (v.27)
- Jairus, a ruler in the synagogue (v.41)
- Jairus' 12 year old unnamed daughter (v.42)
- Unnamed woman subject to bleeding for 12 years (v.43)

Parables

- Luke's explanation of the purpose of parables (v.9-10)
- The parable of the sower is first among the parables in all three synoptic gospels and one of a handful he explains (Mt. 13, Mark 4, and Luke 8)

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HUDDLE

Luke Chapter 9, facilitated by Dr. Greg Smith
January 8, 2009 / 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. / Spencer Hall

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Inviting & Serving

Bible Study

Structure of Chapter 9

- Forebodings and Predictions of the Passion (v.1-50)
 - Sending Out the 12 (v.1-6)
 - Herod Perplexed About Jesus (v.7-9)
 - Jesus Feeds the Multitude (v.10-17)
 - Peter's Confession and the First Prediction of the Passion (v. 18-22)
 - Demands of Discipleship (v.23-27)
 - Transfiguration of Jesus (v.28-36)
 - Sketches of the Not Yet Ready Disciples (v. 37-50)
- The Nature of the Journey to Jerusalem (v.51-62 – begins new section of section of the Journey to Jerusalem that carries till 19:27)
 - Passing Through Samaria (v.51-56)
 - Cost of Discipleship (v.57-62)

New Characters: No new “named” characters?

Who is Jesus?

- How do you answer that question?
- Why?
- Peter's reply in the midst of so many possibilities (v.20)

What Does it Cost to Follow Jesus?

- What price have you paid?
- What price would you pay?
- One illustration with 4 examples of the cost (v.23-27)
 1. Deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow me (v.23)
 2. Lose your life for my sake, you save it (v.24)
 3. Gain the world, but lose yourself (v.25)
 4. Deny Jesus publically, he will return the favor (v.26)
- Another illustration of the cost (v.57-62)

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Luke Chapter 10, facilitated by Dr. Greg Smith
January 15, 2009 / 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. / Spencer Hall

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Bible Study

Structure of Chapter 10

- Commissioning of the Seventy-Two (v.1-16)
- Return of the Seventy-Two (v.17-24)
- The Love of God and Neighbor (v.25-42)
 - The Lawyer's Question (v.25-28)
 - The Good Samaritan (v.29-37)
 - Mary and Martha (v.38-42)

New Characters

- Martha (v.38)
- Mary (v.39)

The Seventy-Two

- Commissioning looks a lot like that of the 12 in the previous chapter (9:1-6), which was also recorded in Mt. 9:37-38/10:7-16 and Mark 6:7-13
- Commissioning of this larger group however is NOT recorded elsewhere in Scripture
- Sent out in pairs/twos and the literary structure of sending is in pairs/twos
 - Two proverbs (v.2-3)
 - Anticipation of a positive response (v.5-9) and a negative response (v.10-11)
 - Instructions for entering a house (v.5-7) and for entering a town (v.8-9)
 - The Kingdom of God is near – two mentions (v. 9 and v.11)

Good Samaritan and Martha Stories Fit Together
(10:27 is the key verse they seek to illustrate)

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Luke Chapter 11, facilitated by Dr. Greg Smith
January 22, 2009 / 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. / Spencer Hall

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Structure of Chapter 11

- Instruction on Prayer (v.1-13)
 - The Lord's Prayer (v.1-4)
 - The Parable of the Shameless Neighbor (v.5-8)
 - Assurances that God Hears our Prayers (v.9-13)
- Responses to Charges of Deviancy (v.14-36)
- Woes to the Pharisees and Lawyers (v.37-54)

New Characters

- Beelzebub (v.15)
- Jonah (v.29)
- Queen of the South/Queen of Sheba (v.31)
- Solomon (v.31)
- Abel (v.51)

The Lord's Prayer (NRSV)

	Matthew 6:9-13	Luke 11:2-4
A	9 Our Father	2 Father
B	In heaven,	
C	hallowed be your name.	Hallowed be your name.
D	10 Your kingdom come.	Your kingdom come
E	Your will be done,	
F	on earth as it is in heaven.	
G	11 Give us this day our daily bread.	3 Give us each day our daily bread.
H	12 And forgive us our debts,	4 And forgive our sins.
I	as we also have forgiven	for we ourselves forgive
J	our debtors.	everyone indebted to us.
K	13 And do not bring us to the time of trial	And do not bring us to the time of trial.
L	But rescue us from the evil one.	

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Luke Chapter 12, facilitated by Dr. Greg Smith
January 29, 2009 / 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. / Spencer Hall

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Structure of Chapter 12

Note: Luke 12:1 through 13:9 = Readiness for the Coming Judgment

- Fear Judgment, Not Persecution (v.1-12)
- Better a Poor Farmer than a Rich Fool (v.13-21)
- More Important Things About which to be Anxious (v.22-34)
- Learning Watchfulness from Masters and Slaves (v.35-48)
- Division Caused by Decision (v.49-53)
- Interpreting the Times and Settling Accounts (v.54-59)
- Next week: A Call for Repentance (13:1-9)

New Characters: No new named characters

The Unforgivable Sin? Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit

- v.10 – And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven (NRSV).
- See also Mark 3:28-29 and Mathew 12:30-32

Familiar Verses

- v.34 – For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also (NRSV).
- v.48b – From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded (NRSV).

Thinking Together – “Get Ready: A How To Manual for Disciples of Jesus”

(v.2 – nothing is secret/hidden that will not be made known)

Our verses teach us to get ready/be ready by . . .

1. v.1-12
2. v.13-21
3. v.22-34
4. v.35-48
5. v.49-53
6. v.54-59

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Luke Chapter 13, facilitated by Dr. Greg Smith
February 5, 2009 / 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. / Spencer Hall

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Structure of Chapter 13

Note: Luke 12:1 through 13:9 = Readiness for the Coming Judgment

- A Call for Repentance (v.1-9)
 - Sayings about Calamity (v.1-5)
 - Parable of the Unproductive Fig (v.6-9)
- Unexpected Reversals Brought by the Kingdom of God (v.10-35)
 - The Stooped Woman (v.10-17)
 - The Mustard Seed and the Yeast (v.18-21)
 - The Narrow Door (v.22-30)
 - Fateful Warnings for Jesus and Jerusalem (v.31-35)

New Characters: No new named characters

Balance

- Numerical
 - The all of the tower in Siloam killed 18
 - The stooped woman had suffered for 18 years
- Gender - Male/Female

Remember: Male/Female Balance is a key Lukan construction

 - Pair #1
 - Healing of the stooped woman (v.10-17)
 - Healing of the man with dropsy (next week, 14:1-6)
 - Stories are quite similar. . . both:
 - Occur on the Sabbath
 - Involve controversy with a leader of the synagogue or Pharisee
 - Includes a healing
 - Jesus invites his opponents to reason from what they would do for an ox to what they should do for a fellow human being
 - Pair #2
 - Man plants a mustard seed
 - Woman hides yeast in a large amount of flour
 - Stories are similar – both emphasize growth or the contrast between small beginnings and great results

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Luke Chapter 14, facilitated by Dr. Greg Smith
February 12, 2009 / 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. / Spencer Hall

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Structure of Chapter 14

- A Lesson in Kingdom Etiquette (v.1-24)
 - The Man with Dropsy (v.1-6)
 - Parables of Humility and Hospitality (v.7-14)
 - Parable of the Great Banquet (v.15-24)
- Cost of Discipleship:
 - Parables of the Tower and Warring King (v.25-35)

New Characters: No new named characters

Meals Hold Everything Together

In Luke, Jesus is either going to a meal, at a meal, coming from a meal, or talking about a meal

- The Man with Dropsy – v.1 “. . . when Jesus went to eat. . .”
- Parables of Humility and Hospitality – v.7 “. . . noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table . . .”
- Parable of the Great Banquet – v.16 “. . . a certain man was preparing a great banquet . . .”

Chapter 14 could be viewed as Chapter 13, Part 2

CHAPTER 13	CHAPTER 14
Healing of the Stoopd Woman (v.10-17)	Healing of the Man with Dropsy (v.1-6)
Kingdom Parables (v.18-30) [Mustard Seed and Yeast and Narrow Door]	Kingdom Parables (v.7-24) [Parables of Humility and Hospitality and Parable of the Great Banquet]
Cost of Discipleship (v.31-35)	Cost of Discipleship (v.25-35)

Two Sets of Twin Parables

- Humility and Hospitality
 - Addressed to the guests (v.7-11)
 - Addressed to the host (v.12-14)
- Wisdom Parables about the Cost of Discipleship
 - Tower (v.28-30)
 - Warring King (v.31-33)

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Luke Chapter 15, facilitated by Dr. Greg Smith
February 19, 2009 / 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. / Spencer Hall

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Structure of Chapter 15

- Parables of the Joy of Recovery and Return (v.1-32)
 - The Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin (v.1-10)
 - The Prodigal Son (v.11-32)

New Characters: No new named characters

The Parable of the Prodigal Son

- Only in Luke
- Longest of Jesus' Parables
- One of the Best Known Jesus' Parables (alongside The Good Samaritan)
- Consider these alternate titles:
 - Prodigal Sons
 - Parable of the Father's Love
 - Parable of the Waiting Father
- Context: Lost Sons follow Lost Coin and Lost Sheep

View & Discuss: The Prodigal Sons (Modern Parables DVD - Compass Cinema, 2008)

“Jesus portrayed the love of the father for his sons in order to make it abundantly clear that God’s love is infinite.” -- Simon Kistemaker

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Luke Chapter 16, facilitated by Dr. Greg Smith
February 26, 2009 / 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. / Spencer Hall

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Structure of Chapter 16

- Rich Men and Lovers of Money (v.1-31)
 - The Dishonest Steward (v.1-13)
 - Condemnations of the Corrupt at Heart (v.14-18)
 - The Rich Man and Lazarus (v.19-31)

New Characters: No new named characters

Chapter 16 is a distinct literary unit

- Begins and ends with a parable: Dishonest Steward & Rich Man and Lazarus
 - Both begin “there was a rich man”
 - Teaching of dishonest steward/shrewd manager is that we should not store up treasures on earth but in heaven, which is also a theme in the second parable
 - Both call the listener to repent before it is too late
- Sandwiched between the Parables are a collection of sayings addressed to “the Pharisees, who were lovers of money”

The need to handle wealth wisely is a recurring teaching – especially in chapters 11 through 16

“Most of us will not this week christen a ship, write a book, end a war, appoint a cabinet, dine with a queen, convert a nation, or be burned at the stake. More likely the week will present no more than a chance to give a cup of water, write a note, visit a nursing home, vote for a county commissioner, teach a Sunday school class, share a meal, tell a child a story, go to choir practice, and feed the neighbor’s cat. Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much.”

Fred Craddock, Luke, p.192

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Luke Chapter 17, facilitated by Dr. Greg Smith
March 5, 2009 / 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. / Spencer Hall

Structure of Chapter 17

Note the change of audience from the Pharisees (Ch. 16) to disciples (17:1)

- The Demands of Forgiveness and Faith (v.1-10) – teaching disciples
- Healing of the Ten Lepers (v.11-19) – disciples absent from teaching
- The Kingdom and Its Coming (v.20-37) – Pharisees then disciples

Demands of Forgiveness and Faith = 4 units of sayings

1. Warning against causing others to stumble – v.1-2
 - a. Temptation is reality
 - b. Be careful “little ones” (Casting Crowns)
2. Challenge to be forgiving – v.3-4
 - a. Confront
 - b. Forgive (think Mt. 18:21)
3. Call to exercise faith – v.5-6
 - a. Increase our faith
 - b. Even small (mustard seed sized) faith is powerful
4. Reminder of duties of discipleship – v.7-10
 - a. Called by some the *Parable of the Servant who Serves without Reward*
 - b. Perspective – regardless of how much we do, we cannot do more than is expected of us (we serve because we are servants, not for a reward)

The Kingdom and Its Coming (v.21 – kingdom is already here)

- I. Statement of the theme (vv. 22-25)
 - A. Warning of the distress that will precede the coming of the Son of Man (v. 22)
 - B. The nature of the Son of Man's coming (vv. 23-24)
 - C. A passion prediction (v. 25)
- II. Arguments from Scripture (vv. 26-30)
 - A. First analogy: The days of Noah (vv. 26-27)
 1. Statement of the analogy: “Just as it was in the days of . . .” (v. 26)
 2. Description of life proceeding normally until “the day” (v. 27a)
 3. Reference to the cataclysm: “the flood came” (v. 27b)
 4. Reminder of the totality of the destruction: “and destroyed all of them” (v. 27c)
 - B. Second analogy: The days of Lot (vv. 28-29)
 1. Statement of the analogy: “Just as it was in the days of . . .” (v. 28a)
 2. Description of life proceeding normally until “the day” (vv. 28b-29a)
 3. Reference to the cataclysm: “it rained fire and sulfur from heaven” (v. 29b)
 4. Reminder of the totality of the destruction: “and destroyed all of them” (v. 29c)
 - C. The aptness of the analogies (v. 30)
- III. Warnings that only decisive action will preserve one's life (vv. 31-35)
 - A. “On that day” (vv. 31-33)
 1. Two examples (v. 31):
 - a. “anyone on the housetop”
 - b. “anyone in the field”
 2. A traditional warning: “Remember Lot's wife” (v. 32)
 3. A traditional saying on losing and keeping one's life (v. 33)
 - B. “On that night” (vv. 34-35)

Two examples:

 1. Two in a bed: one taken, one left
 2. Two grinding meal: one taken, one left
- IV. A concluding question and aphorism (v. 37)

Slow Fade

Mark Hall/Performed by Casting Crowns

Be careful little eyes what you see
It's the second glance that ties your hands as darkness pulls the strings
Be careful little feet where you go
For it's the little feet behind you that are sure to follow

It's a slow fade when you give yourself away
It's a slow fade when black and white have turned to gray
Thoughts invade, choices are made, a price will be paid
When you give yourself away
People never crumble in a day
It's a slow fade, it's a slow fade

Be careful little ears what you hear
When flattery leads to compromise, the end is always near
Be careful little lips what you say
For empty words and promises lead broken hearts astray

It's a slow fade when you give yourself away
It's a slow fade when black and white have turned to gray
Thoughts invade, choices are made, a price will be paid
When you give yourself away
People never crumble in a day

The journey from your mind to your hands
Is shorter than you're thinking
Be careful if you think you stand
You just might be sinking

It's a slow fade when you give yourself away
It's a slow fade when black and white have turned to gray
Thoughts invade, choices are made, a price will be paid
When you give yourself away
People never crumble in a day
Daddies never crumble in a day
Families never crumble in a day

Oh be careful little eyes what you see
Oh be careful little eyes what you see
For the Father up above is looking down in love
Oh be careful little eyes what you see

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HUDDLE

Luke Chapter 18, facilitated by Dr. Greg Smith
March 12, 2009 / 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. / Spencer Hall

Meal Sharing/Humor Serving/Praying Bible Study

Luke 18:1 – 19:27 – Jesus' Gospel to the Rich and the Poor

Structure of Chapter 18

- The Persistent Widow and the Unjust Judge (v.1-8)
- The Pharisee and the Tax Collector (v.9-14)
- The Little Children and the Rich Ruler (v.15-30)
- The Third Passion Prediction (v.31-34)
- The Blind Beggar (v.35-43)

Back-to-Back Parables on Prayer

1. Persistent Widow and the Unjust Judge – for disciples
DVD – Modern Parables “The Widow and the Judge”
 - a. Parallel to/twin of Visitor at Midnight (11:5-10)
 - b. Male/Female balance with Visitor at Midnight
2. Pharisee and the Tax Collector – for all

The application of this parable is not limited to time or culture. “Pharisees” and “tax collectors” are present in the church today. If we look in the mirror of God’s Word, we can catch glimpses of them in our own lives. Jesus teaches that true humility leads to exaltation.

Simon Kistemaker, *The Parables*, p. 213

Lenten Disciplines: Prayer

- I Thessalonians 5:17
- Soup for the Soul verse – Romans 12:12
- What are your prayer practices that you consider to be persistent?
- What is different about your prayer life this Lent?

The Little Children and the Rich Ruler

Luke returns to Mark’s sequence (10:13-16 and 10:17-22)

Third Passion Prediction

- 9:22
- 9:44-45

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Luke Chapter 19, facilitated by Dr. Greg Smith
March 19, 2009 / 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. / Spencer Hall

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Luke 9:51-19:27 – Travel Narrative

Luke 18:1 – 19:27 – Jesus' Gospel to the Rich and the Poor

Structure of Chapter 19

- Zacchaeus, a Son of Abraham (v.1-10)
- The Parable of the Greedy and Vengeful King (v.11-27)

Luke 19:28-21:38 – Jesus' Ministry in Jerusalem

- The Entrance Procession of the King (v.28-40)
- Jesus Weeps Over the City and Drives the Merchants from the Temple (v.41-46)
- The Beginning of Jesus' Teachings in the Temple (v.47-48)

Parallels - The Blind Beggar (18:40-45) and Zacchaeus (19:1-10)

- BB = Jesus approaches Jericho / Z = Jesus enters/passes through
- Blind Beggar wanted to see / Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus
- Crowd gets in the way of both the Blind Beggar and Zacchaeus
- Verb stood marks a dramatic turn in the story (18:40 & 19:8)
- Joy or praise follows the healing (18:43 & 19:6)
- Impact is immediate (18:43 & 19:9)
- Jesus is called Son of David (18:39) and Son of Man (19:10)

The Greedy and Vengeful King

- Related to (not the same as) the better known parable of Mt. 25:14-30
- Matthew's parable = stewardship of what is entrusted to the disciple / Luke's parable contrasts the coming of the kingdom of God with the typical pattern of the establishment of a political kingdom
- Greedy and Vengeful King is an antitype for Jesus who will enter Jerusalem as "the king who comes in the name of the Lord" (19:38)

The Entrance Procession of the King - Old Testament Allusions

The Place	Mount of Olives	Zech. 14:4
The Preparation	Securing the donkey	Gen. 49:10-11
The Procession	Riding on the donkey	Zech. 9:9 / I Kgs. 1:33-37
	Garments strewn	2 Kgs. 9:13
The Proclamation	the Hallel	Ps. 118:26
The Pharisees' Response	the stones	Hab. 2:11

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Luke Chapter 20, facilitated by Dr. Greg Smith
March 26, 2009 / 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. / Spencer Hall

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Structure of Chapter 20 – Jesus Q & A Sessions

- The Question of Jesus' Authority (v.1-8)
With the chief priests, scribes and elders – the guardians of tradition
Q: What is your authority and who gave it to you?
A: Another Q: Is John's baptism from heaven or men?
- The Parable of the Wicked Tenants (v.9-19)
To the people (v.9) and against the scribes and chief priests (v.19)
A break from the Q&A format, but yet another way for Jesus to put the leaders on the defensive
"What is the point of the parable? Jesus teaches that seemingly endless patience of God is extended toward those who oppose him. But when this patience ends at the rejection of his Son, God's swift retribution is to follow." (Kistemaker, The Parables, p. 89)
- The Question about Paying Taxes (v.20-26)
With the spies (v.20)
Q: Should we pay taxes to Caesar or not?
A: Another Q: Whose image is on a denarius?
- The Question About the Resurrection (v.27-40)
With the Saducees (their only appearance in Luke)
Q: We all accept levirate marriage, which leaves us confused – In the resurrection whose wife is the woman in our example?
A: God is the God of the living not the dead and for him all are alive.
And, by the way, in the age to come people don't marry.
- The Question About David's Son (v.41-44)
No clear group – Jesus takes a turn at asking rather than answering
Q: How can Christ be the Son of David if David calls Christ Lord?
A: None
- The Denunciation of the Scribes (v.45-47)
With all the people listening (v.45), directed to his disciples (v.45), and against the teachers of the law (v.46)
Not Q &A, but teaching against some of the inappropriate practices of the teachers of the law

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HUDDLE

Luke Chapter 21, facilitated by Dr. Greg Smith
April 2, 2009 / 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. / Spencer Hall

Meal Sharing/Humor Serving/Praying Bible Study

Reminder: NO HUDDLE on April 9. We will meet April 16, 23 & 30.
HUDDLE Evaluation and Thoughts for Next Season

Structure of Chapter 21 – Jesus Q & A Sessions

- The Widow's Offering (v.1-4)
- The Coming Wars and Persecutions (v.5-19)
Jesus' confrontation with the authorities in the Temple (which began in 19:47) shifts to the future tense for discussion about the destruction of the Temple (v.5-19), the destruction of Jerusalem (v.20-24) and the coming of the Son of Man (v.25-36)
- The Destructions of Jerusalem Foretold (v.20-24)
- The Coming of the Son of Man Foretold (v.25-36)
- The Conclusion of Jesus' Teaching in the Temple (v.37-38)

Luke 22:1 – 24:53 – The Passion and Resurrection Narratives

The Widow's Offering

- Follows the condemnation of scribes who "devour widows' houses" (20:45)
- 2 lepta (128 lepta = 1 denarius or daily wage for a common laborer)
"Jesus' praise of the widow issues a challenge to those who would be his disciples. The most obvious challenge is to give with complete devotion and selflessness that marked the widow's gift." (R.. Alan Culpepper, *The Gospel of Luke in The New Interpreters Bible*, p. 396)

Final of 11 times Jesus is called Teacher (v.7) – In Luke's Gospel the disciples never use the term, but Pharisees, lawyers, persons from the crowd, the rich ruler, Sadducees, and scribes do

The Future of the Disciples (v.13-19)

- Coming soon – their fate in Luke 2/Acts (v.12-15)
- Predictions and assurances from common tradition (v.15-19) and a reminder of truth in paradox – Some of you will be put to death (v.16) and not a hair on your head will perish (v.18)
- The Future of us HUDDLE types as disciples in light of the witness and experience of these first disciples

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HUDDLE

Luke Chapter 22, facilitated by Dr. Greg Smith
April 16, 2009 / 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. / Spencer Hall

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Reminder: HUDDLE meets on April 23 and concludes on April 30.

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Luke 22:1 – 24:53 – The Passion and Resurrection

Structure of Chapter 22

- Preparation for Passover (v.1-13)
- The Last Supper (v.14-20)
 - Why 2 cups? Cup 1 (v.17), Bread (v.19), Cup 2 (v.20)
 - Compare v.19-20 to Mk. 14:22-24 and to I Cor. 11:23-25
John has no words of institution, Matthew follows Mark closely but not verbatim, Luke agrees with Mark in general but with Paul in the addition of “do this in remembrance of me” after bread (Paul has it following both elements)
- The Destructions of Jerusalem Foretold (v.20-24)
- Luke’s Farewell Discourse (v.21-38)
 - Jesus’ Announcement of his Betrayal (v.21-23)
 - The Disciples Debate over Greatness (v.24-30)
 - Jesus’ Prediction of Peter’s Denial (v.31-34)
 - Jesus’ Call for Purse, Bag and Sword (v.35-38)
 - ✓ Only in Luke
 - ✓ A shift from instruction at sending of 72 (10:4)
 - ✓ Jesus instructs his disciples to buy a sword?
- Praying for Strength and Deliverance (v.39-46)
 - Setting: Mount. of Olives in Luke - not tradition of Garden of Gethsemane (Matthew and Mark: Gethsemane / John: garden)
 - Rationale: Lk. 21:37 allows Judas to find him
 - Luke’s account in chiastic structure
- The Arrest of Jesus (v.47-53)
- Denials in the Courtyard (v.54-62)
- Challenge to Prophecy (v.63-65)
- Jesus Before the Sanhedrin (v.66-71)

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Luke Chapter 23, facilitated by Dr. Greg Smith
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Luke 22:1 – 24:53 – The Passion and Resurrection

Structure of Chapter 23

- Jesus' Trial Before Pilate – 5 scenes (v.1-25)
 - Scene 1: Pilate's first declaration of Jesus' innocence (v.1-5)
 - Scene 2: Jesus' appearance before Herod (v.6-12) – only in Luke
 - Scene 3: Pilate's 2nd declaration of Jesus' innocence (v.13-16)
 - Scene 4: Pilate's 3rd declaration of Jesus' innocence (v.18-22)
 - 1st mention of Crucifixion in Luke (v.21)
 - Pilate – 3x each: addresses the crowd, proclaims Jesus' innocence, and intends to release (v.16, 20, 22)
 - Scene 5: Pilate's capitulation to the crowd (v.23-25)
- The Crucifixion, Death, and Burial of Jesus (v.26-56)
 - Simon of Cyrene and the Daughters of Jerusalem (v.26-32)
 - Crucifixion and Mocking of Jesus (v.33-38)
 - Assurance of Salvation (v.39-43)
Luke is the only gospel to record the words of the men crucified with Jesus (Mark 15:32 mentions them as taunting Jesus)
 - Events Surrounding Jesus' Death (v.44-49)
 - Burial of Jesus (v.50-56)
- Luke Emphasizes Jesus' Innocence under Roman Law
 - From the charges of v.2 forward this is an intentional emphasis
 - Declared innocent by Pilate explicitly and by Herod implicitly
 - Innocence defended by the thief on the cross (23:47)
 - Note: In Acts, Luke will show similar concern for the early Christians as being innocent under Roman law

The reader has to be impressed by the brevity of the record of the event that has, more than any other, stirred the mind, heart, and soul of the church. The simple, straightforward report contrasts sharply with the flood of feeling-filled poetry, music, and homilies that has flowed since. The very nature of the biblical account reminds us that for all the anger, sorrow, and pain generated in the followers of Jesus by this scene, its significance lies first of all in the historical fact of the crucifixion. "Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried": the church confesses this, even on Easter, and with the fact that Jesus Christ was executed as a criminal among criminals all serious Christian reflection must deal.

(Fred Craddock, reflecting on verses 33-43 in *The Interpretation Bible Commentary: Luke*, p.272)

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Luke Chapter 24, facilitated by Dr. Greg Smith
April 30, 2009 / 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. / Spencer Hall

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Luke 24 – The Resurrection

- Discovery of the Empty Tomb (v.1-12)

Figure 8: Women at the Crucifixion or the Tomb of Jesus

At the crucifixion			
Matt 27:55	Mark 15:40	Luke 23:49	John 19:25
many women Mary Magdalene Mary the mother of James and Joseph the mother of the sons of Zebedee	Mary Magdalene Mary the mother of James and Joseph Salome many other women	the women who had followed Jesus from Galilee	the mother of Jesus Jesus' mother's sister Mary the wife of Clopas Mary Magdalene
At the burial of Jesus			
Matt 27:61	Mark 15:47	Luke 23:55	
Mary Magdalene the other Mary	Mary Magdalene Mary the mother of Joseph	the women who had followed Jesus from Galilee	
At the tomb on Sunday morning			
Matt 28:1	Mark 16:1	Luke 24:10	John 20:1
Mary Magdalene the other Mary	Mary Magdalene Mary the mother of James Salome	Mary Magdalene Joanna Mary the mother of James the other women	Mary Magdalene

(New Interpreters Bible, Luke, p.470)

- Appearance on the Road to Emmaus (v.13-25)
 - Scene 1: The Meeting (v.13-16)
 - Scene 2: Conversation in Route (v.17-27)
 - Scene 3: Emmaus' Meal (v.28-32)
 - Scene 4: Return to Jerusalem (v.33-35)
- Appearance to the Eleven, Commissioning of the Disciples, and Jesus' Departure (v.36-53)
 - Proofs of the Resurrection (v.36-43)
 - Interpretation of Scripture & Commissioning Disciples (v.44-49)
 - Departure of Jesus (v.50-53)
- Emmaus' Appearance and Appearance to the Eleven
 - Similarities: an appearance in which there is a failure to recognize or believe, interpretation of Scripture, eating, opening of eyes or minds, and departure of Jesus
 - Unique to the Eleven: discussion of doubt, physical proof of the resurrection, commissioning of disciples and ascension of Jesus