

# Let's Worship God

7th-12th January 2019  
Luke



# THE GOSPEL

## ACCORDING TO LUKE

### **Monday - Luke 18:28-34 - Promise and Death**

Our Lord holds out to believers a glorious and satisfying promise. This is a promise for all who make sacrifices for Him. He promises that the believer will find in Christ the equivalent of anything he has to give up. He will find such peace, and hope, and joy, and comfort, and rest, that his losses will be more than made up for by his gains. Our Lord is no man's debtor. If we lose anything for Christ's sake, Christ will make it up to us even in this present world.

Jesus makes a very clear prediction about His own death. He knows that His death is the main reason He has come into the world. He is to give His life as a ransom for many, taking our place, bearing the punishment for our sins, giving His body and blood for our life. The love of our Lord Jesus Christ for sinners is shown in His steady purpose of heart to die for them. All through His life He knows that He is about to be crucified. But He never swerves from His path for a moment. This love is beyond understanding, and we can rest on that love without fear. If Christ so loves us before we think of Him, He will surely not stop loving us after we have believed.

The calmness of Christ in contemplating certain death should be a pattern to all His people. The man or woman that has faith in the Lord Jesus has no reason to be afraid of the grave. For us Christ has overcome death - it is a conquered enemy.

The disciples do not understand what Christ is talking about, but even today we are surrounded by those who do not understand or value Christ's death. For the Christian though, Christ crucified is the foundation of our own hopes, and Christ's atoning death for sin is the life of our souls.

### **Questions**

1. What promise does Christ make?
2. Why should the believer have no fear of death?

### **Prayer Points**

1. Give thanks that Christ has conquered death.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### **Memory Verse**

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." Luke 19:10

**Praise: Psalm 4 - See [www.rpglobalalliance.org](http://www.rpglobalalliance.org) for Psalm tune helps.**

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## **Tuesday - Luke 18:35-43 - Sight for the Blind**

This blind man is very diligent in using the means that have been given to him to get help. He looks for the place where his pitiful condition is most likely to attract attention and receive help. He doesn't sit lazily at home waiting for help to come to him. Hearing of Jesus he cries for mercy and is restored to sight. The man or woman who desires salvation or grace should remember the example of this blind man. They should diligently use every means of grace given to them. They should be found regularly in those places where Christ is present. They should be there where the Gospel is preached and God's people are gathered together. To expect grace to be put into our hearts, if we sit home on Sundays, and do not go to worship, is presumption and not faith. Christ is always found by those who really seek Him.

When this man cries out to Christ, people tell him to stop, but he keeps on crying out. He feels his need and wretchedness, and this motivates him to go on crying for help. And his persistence is rewarded. He finds what he seeks, and that very day receives sight. What this blind man does on behalf of his physical problem, we should surely do on behalf of our souls. Our need is greater than his. The disease of sin is far worse than blindness. We should begin praying as strong and as earnest as ever before. Let us cry to Jesus for mercy and allow nothing to stop our crying.

Jesus has much on His mind, but He finds time to speak to this poor suffering man. This man comes to Christ with faith, and Christ does not cast him out but grants the desire of his heart. We may feel that our sins are very great and our faith is very weak, but Christ promises healing and life for all who come to Him.

## **Questions**

1. How can we be like the blind man?
2. Why did Jesus take time for the blind man?

## **Prayer Points**

1. Give thanks for Christ's love and compassion.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

## **Memory Verse**

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." Luke 19:10

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## **Wednesday -Luke 19:1-10 - Zacchaeus**

No one is too bad to be saved, or beyond the power of Christ's grace. We can offer the Gospel boldly to the worst and most wicked, and say, "There is hope. Only repent and believe." Hospitals discharge many cases as incurable. But there are no incurable cases under the Gospel. Any sinner may be healed, if he will only come to Christ.

These verses show us how little and insignificant are the things on which a soul's salvation often turns. Curiosity and nothing but curiosity appears to be Zacchaeus' motive. Rather than not see Jesus, he climbs up into a tree. Our Lord stops at that tree, and from that very moment Zacchaeus is an altered man. That very night he lay down a Christian. We must never despise the day of small beginnings. We must never count anything as little that concerns the soul. The ways by which the Holy Spirit leads men and women to Christ are wonderful and mysterious. In every work there must be a beginning, and in spiritual work that beginning is often very small. Do we see an unbeliever beginning to open his Bible? Do we see him beginning to come to church after a long time of absence? Let us remember Zacchaeus and be hopeful. It is far better to hear the Gospel out of mere curiosity, than not to hear it at all.

There is in Christ an infinite readiness to receive, and an infinite ability to save sinners. Salvation is not of works, but of grace. If ever there is a soul sought and saved, without having done anything to deserve it, that soul is Zacchaeus.

Converted sinners will always give evidence of their conversion. Freely pardoned, and raised from death to life, Zacchaeus feels that he can not begin too soon to show whose he is and whom he serves.

## **Questions**

1. What motivated Zacchaeus to climb the tree?
2. Why does Christ save Zacchaeus?
3. How does Zacchaeus show that he has new life?

## **Prayer Points**

1. Give thanks for the grace and love of God.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

## **Memory Verse**

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." Luke 19:10

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### Thursday - Luke 19:11-27 - Reward

Jesus tells this parable to correct the false expectations of His disciples regarding His kingdom. It shows us first the present position of Christ. When the Lord Jesus leaves the world, He ascends into heaven, and He sits there at the right hand of God, taking care of His people and making intercession for them. But He will not sit there always. He will come again with power and glory to put down every enemy under His feet.

Christians are compared here to servants who have been left in charge of money by an absent master, with strict directions to use that money well. The countless privileges which Christians have been given are the money they must use well. What are these privileges? Knowing and understanding the Word of God and the Gospel, the Holy Spirit living within us enabling us to serve Christ, the fellowship of other believers in the Church, the ability to worship God and to come to Him in prayer - these are all great privileges that carry with them a great responsibility,

There is a day coming when the Lord Jesus Christ shall judge His people, and give to every one according to His works. All shall, one day, give account to God, and all shall receive an eternal sentence.

The people of God receive little apparent reward in this present time. Their gains are usually not in earthly rewards, but in inner peace, and hope, and joy in believing. But they shall have an abundant reward one day. They shall find, to their amazement, that for everything they have done and borne for their Master, their Master will pay them a hundred times more. Let us often look forward to the good things that are yet to come.

### Questions

1. What did the disciples think about Jesus' kingdom?
2. What kind of privileges do Christians have? What is their responsibility?
3. Where is the Christian's reward?

### Prayer Points

1. Pray that we would use our privileges well.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### Memory Verse

“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.” Luke 19:10

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### **Friday - Luke 19:28-40 - Public**

The thought of Christ's perfect knowledge should alarm sinners and drive them to repent. The King and Judge of all the earth sees them continually and knows all their ways. Anything they speak or think or do is seen by Christ. They may deceive other men all their lives, but they will never be able to deceive Christ. The thought of Christ's perfect knowledge should comfort all true Christians and drive them to greater good works. Christ knows our trials and sorrows. He knows all about us, and He sees and knows when we are faithful to Him.

Christ's last entry into Jerusalem is very public. This seems very different from His usual way of doing things. Usually, He avoids the crowds and tries to keep His miracles quiet. Why the change? Because He knows that the time has come when He is to die for sinners on the cross. Before giving Himself up as a sacrifice, He wants to draw the attention of the whole Jewish nation to Himself. The Lamb of God is about to be slain. The great sin-offering is about to be killed. The eyes of all Israel should be fixed upon Him. This great thing is not to be done in a corner.

Whatever men may think of the doctrine of Christ's atoning death, they never can deny the fact that Christ died. Publicly He rides into Jerusalem a few days before His death. Publicly He is seen and heard in the city until the day that He is betrayed. Publicly He is brought before the High Priests and Pilate, and condemned. Publicly He is nailed to the cross. The cornerstone and crowning event in Jesus' ministry is His death for sinners. Of all the events of His ministry, that death is the one most public, and the one witnessed by the greatest number of Jews. And that death is the life of the world.

### **Questions**

1. What does Christ's perfect knowledge tell us about Him?
2. Why did Christ enter Jerusalem so publicly?

### **Prayer Points**

1. Pray for the salvation of your neighbours.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### **Memory Verse**

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### **Saturday - Luke 19:41-48 - Jerusalem**

Jesus knows well the character of the inhabitants of Jerusalem. Their cruelty, their self-righteousness, their stubbornness, their blindness to the truth, and their pride of heart are not hidden from Him. He knows well what they are going to do to Him in a few days. His unjust judgement, His delivery to the Gentiles, His sufferings, His crucifixion, are all clear to Him. And yet knowing all this, our Lord pities Jerusalem.

Christ's heart is wide enough to take an interest in all mankind. He has a love of general pity for the man who is going on still in wickedness, as well as a love of special affection for the sheep who hear His voice and follow Him. Hardened sinners are fond of making excuses for their conduct. But they will never be able to say that Christ is not merciful and is not ready to save.

Jerusalem might have known that Jesus is the Messiah - all the evidence is there. But she refuses to know. All ignorance is not excusable. When men might know the truth but refuse, their guilt is very great in the sight of God.

The Sabbath is to be a day of worship not a day of buying and selling. The temple is to be a place of worship, not a shopping centre. The very Pharisees who are so quick to criticise any work of necessity or mercy Jesus does on the Sabbath, are all too happy to turn God's house into a market. And it isn't even an honest market, but one with false prices and extortion. Jesus describes it as a den of thieves. Once again the hypocrisy of the Pharisees is exposed by our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Questions**

1. Why does Jesus pity Jerusalem?
2. Why did Jerusalem refuse to look at the facts about Christ?
3. What was going on in the temple? Why was this wrong?

### **Prayer Points**

1. Pray for the preaching and hearing of God's Word tomorrow.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### **Memory Verse**

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." Luke 19:10

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**God tells us that  
Ezra read from  
the book of the Law  
day after day  
and that  
the people of God  
were filled with joy!**

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