

# Let's Worship God

14th-19th January 2019

Luke



# THE GOSPEL

## ACCORDING TO LUKE

### **Monday - Luke 20:1-8 - Lies**

These men hate and envy Christ. They see His influence increasing. They see their own power decreasing. They are determined to stop the progress of this new teacher, and so they attack His authority. Every Christian who is trying to serve God in this world will be treated in exactly the same way. The world will constantly call into question his right to say or do anything. He will be seen as a meddling, proud, trouble-maker. But when we are attacked by the world in this way, we can take comfort in the fact that our Lord has been treated exactly the same.

Jesus refers those who question His authority to John the Baptist. Don't they admit that John is a prophet who they went to hear? But John himself testifies that Jesus is the Christ. Often, John the Baptist's ministry is so overshadowed by Christ, that we forget to pay it any attention. But we shouldn't forget that John the Baptist's ministry produces a huge effect on the Jewish mind, and prepares all Israel, from one end of the country to the other, for the Messiah. The Jews have no excuse for rejecting Christ. They can not say that they are taken by surprise when our Lord begins to preach. The whole teaching of John the Baptist has prepared them for what Christ has to say.

Jesus' enemies tell lies. They could have told the truth, but they will not because they are proud. Lies are common among unbelievers. Thousands will say anything rather than admit that they are wrong. Unbelievers will often say things against Christians that they know are untrue. They often know that the Gospel is true, but they don't have the courage to admit it. Patiently let us pray for these people.

### **Questions**

1. What do Jesus' enemies attack?
2. Why does Jesus refer them to John the Baptist?
3. Why did Jesus' enemies lie?

### **Prayer Points**

1. Pray for our unbelieving neighbours.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### **Memory Verse**

“Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him.” Luke 20:38

**Praise: Psalm 9 - See [www.rpglobalalliance.org](http://www.rpglobalalliance.org) for Psalm tune helps.**

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## **Tuesday - Luke 20:9-19 - Mercy**

This parable shows us the deep sinfulness of men and women. It is a faithful picture of the Jews. Despite privileges, such as no nation ever has, in the face of warnings such as no people ever receive, the Jews rebel against God, refuse to give Him His rightful due, reject His prophets, and crucify His only Son. But it is no less a picture of the church. Called as we are out of darkness by the infinite mercy of God, we have done very little that is worthy. Instead, we have allowed false teaching and wicked practice to grow up among us. When it comes to hardness, unbelief, and pride, the Christian churches, as a whole, are little better than the Jews of our Lord's time.

We should pray that we will better understand our own sinfulness. The behaviour of the tenants is only a picture of what every natural man would do to God, if he only could. To see this is very important. Christ is never fully valued, until sin is clearly seen.

This parable also shows the amazing patience and long-suffering of God. Prophet after prophet is sent to warn Israel of his danger. Message after message is given, despite insults and injuries heaped on the messenger. God has been just as long-suffering to His church. It has tried Him by false doctrines and neglect of His Word. But He has repeatedly given them times of refreshing, raised up holy ministers and mighty reformers, and not cut them off. The church is just as much a debtor to God's mercy as the Jews were. We should be more thankful for God's mercy. We probably have very little idea the number of gracious messages the Lord of the vineyard is constantly sending to our souls.

## **Questions**

1. Why do we need to understand our own sinfulness?
2. How has God shown mercy to the church?
3. What warning from this parable should the church take to heart?

## **Prayer Points**

1. Pray that our church would bring honour to God and obey Him.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

## **Memory Verse**

“Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him.” Luke 20:38

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## **Wednesday -Luke 20:20-26 - Wise Words**

The true servant of Christ can expect to meet those who claim to love Christ, but in their hearts, they deny Him. We should be careful not to take it for granted that all people are good who talk like good men. The way a man lives his life, not what he says, is the only safe test of character.

If Jesus replies that it isn't lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, He will be accused before Pilate as a rebel against the Roman authority. But if He says they should pay taxes to Caesar, He will be denounced before the people as ignoring the rights and privileges of the Jews. Yet, Jesus is able to find an answer that silences His enemies. Their own lips confess that Caesar has a certain authority over them - they use the money that he has coined. They should, therefore, obey Caesar in earthly things. If they don't refuse to use Caesar's coins, they shouldn't refuse to pay Caesar's taxes.

There are many dues that God requires of them that they can easily pay if they want to. Honour, love, obedience, faith, fear, prayer, spiritual worship, are payments to God that they might make every day and with which the Roman government will not interfere.

We should often pray that we may have wisdom to answer correctly when difficult questions are put to us. We shouldn't be surprised to get the same treatment as our Lord. Some may try to trip us up in the things we say and do. In order to be prepared, let us ask our Lord for wisdom and a careful tongue. It is a great thing to know what to say and how to say it, when to be silent, and when to speak. Give thanks that God can give us this ability.

## **Questions**

1. Why should the Jews pay taxes?
2. What kind of dues does God require of His people?
3. How can we get wisdom to answer correctly?

## **Prayer Points**

1. Pray for wisdom in speaking to others of Christ.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

## **Memory Verse**

“Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him.” Luke 20:38

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### **Thursday - Luke 20:27-40 - Eternal Life**

The reason the Sadducees are asking Jesus this question is not only to discredit Him, but to pour contempt on the whole idea of a life to come. So, they invent the most absurd story they can think of. When we are faced with questions like this, with hypothetical situations, and crazy scenarios, we need to remember to focus on what we do know instead of getting drawn into arguments about the unknown. A thousand things beyond death are unintelligible to us right now. What we need to do is wait patiently. What we know not now, we will know later.

The happiness of Christians in heaven is eternal. Weakness, sickness, and disease do not exist. The curse is removed. Death is dead. Heaven is something we should think about quite a lot. It is something that can cheer us up and encourage us in our life as a Christian. The very thought of Heaven enables us to bear our hard times on earth more patiently, because we know that perfect joy is coming - a time when there will be no more hardship. Thinking of Heaven also helps us to enjoy this life even more. We always have something better to look forward to, so we don't have to dread things changing or ending.

Faith in a resurrection and a life to come has been the universal belief of all God's people from the beginning of the world. Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, and Moses are men who look forward to a better inheritance than they have here below. The knowledge of this truth will cheer us in our trials and comfort us when it is time to die. Our God is "not a God of the dead, but of the living."

### **Questions**

1. Why do the Sadducees ask this question?
2. Why should we think about Heaven?
3. How can we think more about Heaven?

### **Prayer Points**

1. Give thanks for Heaven.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### **Memory Verse**

"Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him." Luke 20:38

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### **Friday - Luke 20:41-47 - Hypocrisy**

The book of Psalms testifies to the fact that Jesus Christ is God, and it is this very fact that Jesus is bringing to everyone's attention. After patiently answering His enemies' questions, Jesus puts a question to them that they cannot answer. The Scribes and Pharisees do not see the mighty truth, that Messiah is to be God as well as man, and that while as man He is to be David's son, as God He is to be David's Lord. He exposes their ignorance of Scripture before all the people. They are supposed to be teachers of others, but they are unable to explain the Scriptures. The book of Psalms is a book full of Christ, - Christ suffering, Christ humiliated, Christ dying, Christ rising again, Christ coming the second time, Christ reigning over all.

Christ hates hypocrisy. He publicly rebukes the recognised teachers of the Jewish people for this sin. When He sees Scribes and Pharisees wearing an attitude of religion and holiness, but with hearts full of wickedness, He is outraged. And this same Lord has not changed. He still hates hypocrisy. Whatever else we are as Christians, we should be true. However weak our faith, and hope, and love, and obedience may be, let us at least make sure that what we have is sincere.

Who are those who will finally be condemned? All who will not come to Christ, - all who know not God and obey not the Gospel, - all who refuse to repent and go on still in wickedness, all will be finally condemned. They will reap what they have sown.

### **Questions**

1. How did Jesus show the Scribes and Pharisees' ignorance?
2. What sin does Christ rebuke?
3. Who will end up in Hell?

### **Prayer Points**

1. Pray for opportunities to warn unbelievers of their danger.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### **Memory Verse**

“Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him.” Luke 20:38

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### **Saturday - Luke 21:1-4 - Generosity**

If nothing else, these verses show us that Christ watches all that we do very carefully. You might think that Jesus would be too preoccupied with other things to observe those giving to the Lord. His betrayal, His judgement, and His death are all close at hand, and He knows it. But He thinks it worthwhile to watch a poor widow. Remember that our Lord Jesus never changes. Nothing is too little to escape His observation. No action of ours is too insignificant for Him to remember. He measures littleness and greatness by a very different measure from man's. Things in our own life that we don't think are all that important may be very serious in Christ's sight. Actions that the world considers useless may be called great by Christ. We can take comfort in realising that our smallest acts of faithfulness are noted by Christ, and we should set a watch over our behaviour - realising that our most secret and trivial sins are seen by our Lord and Judge.

Christ looks at something more than the mere amount of men's gifts in measuring their generosity. He looks at the proportion of what they give and the amount of self-denial required. He wants us to know that some who appear to give much actually in God's sight give very little, and that some appear to give very little who in God's sight give very much.

Christ is not just teaching about the tithe that all are required to give back to God. He is speaking of your giving above your tithe, and your giving of your time, and your ability, and your resources to the Church. Those who give of all they have in service to Christ will be, like this poor widow woman, blessed by God. Let us follow her example.

### **Questions**

1. What should we remember about the things we do?
2. How does God judge generosity?
3. What kind of things can we give to God?

### **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**

"Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him." Luke 20:38

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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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