

Luke 19-24

Our Story So Far

- Jesus's ministry in Luke 1-9
- Jesus on his way to Jerusalem in Luke 10-18
 - Lots of teaching on the Kingdom of God
 - Prophecies about what will happen to him when he gets to Jerusalem
- Now, Jesus in Jerusalem during his last week in Luke 19-24
- The message so far
 - Luke is written in Greek by a Greek to a Greek
 - Jesus is real and here's what was happening in the world around Jesus at the time
 - Jesus has God-like qualities
 - Jesus is "the Son of Man"

What we are about to see

- Teachings and prophecies and being tested by the Sanhedrin while Jesus is in Jerusalem (Luke 19 – 21)
- Final meal, Betrayal and Death (Luke 22-23)
- Resurrection, appearance before witnesses, final words, ascension to heaven (Luke 24)

Luke 19

Jesus and Zaccheus

- Zaccheus is a chief tax collector and very rich
- Jesus invites himself over to Zaccheus' house
- The people grumble
- Zaccheus repents, gives away his wealth and reverses the cheating
- Salvation to his household
- "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

The Parable of the Ten Minas

- \$200,000 ; \$100,000 ; \$20,000 given to servants
- Investment and hiding of assets
- The returning king judges the handling of the assets
- We tend to focus on the fluffy nice side of Yahweh, but Yahweh is also Just. He loves and enforces Justice.
- What has God given us? God has given us grace and mercy and love – we should be investing those in others as well.
- Slaughter his enemies who didn't choose him as King

The Triumphal Entry

- Jesus rides in on an unriden colt

- Kings and rulers are the only ones allowed to ride into a city on a horse. (Pontius Pilate would have done it)

“the whole crowd of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen: **“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!** Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

- Psalm 118:26
- Some Pharisees want Jesus to rebuke them

“I tell you, if they keep silent, the very stones will cry out!”

Jesus Weeps for Jerusalem under Judgment

- Weeping for Jerusalem and prophesying that the city will be surrounded and destroyed because they didn’t recognize God visiting them.

Cleansing the Temple

- Probably the second cleansing (John has one at the beginning of his ministry)
- Jesus is angry about the temple being used as a marketplace and for the corruption of the sacrifices from the common people.

“It is written, **‘My house will be a house of prayer,’** but you have turned it into **a den of robbers!**”

- Isaiah 56:7 and Jeremiah 7:11

Luke 20 – An exchange between Jesus and the chief priests and experts of the law

The Authority of Jesus

- First confrontation
- Chief priests, teachers, elders – by whose authority are you preaching?
- Reply – was John’s baptism from God or from the people?
- They can’t answer – If “people” then the people will stone them. If “heaven” then why didn’t they believe?
- Jesus won’t answer

The Parable of the Tenants

- Jesus tells a parable against the chief priests
- Tenants kill the slaves and then the son of the land owner.
- Land owner will kill the tenants and give the land to someone else.

‘The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone’

- Psalm 118:22-23
- Chief priests want to arrest him right there because of the parable, but are afraid of the people

Paying Taxes to Caesar

- They try to trick him to say something against Rome

“Is it right for us to pay the tribute tax to Caesar or not?”

- Who’s face is on the coin?

“Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s and to God what is God’s”

- Bypasses their trap

Marriage and the Resurrection

- Sadducees ask him about resurrection (they don’t believe in resurrection)
- Jesus teaches that there is no marriage after the resurrection and that even Moses revealed that there was a resurrection because Yahweh is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Yahweh is the God of the living, not the dead.

The Messiah: David’s Son and Lord

- Jesus fires back:

“How is it that they say that the Christ is David’s son? For David himself says in the book of Psalms,

***‘The Lord said to my lord,
“Sit at my right hand,
until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.”’***

If David then calls him ‘Lord,’ how can he be his son?”

- Psalm 110:11
- No answer

Jesus Warns the Disciples against Pride

- Warns against how the experts of the law live:

They like walking around in long robes, and they love elaborate greetings in the marketplaces and the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets. They devour widows’ property, and as a show make long prayers. They will receive a more severe punishment.

Luke 21

The Widow’s Offering

- Widow gives a small offering in secret, but it is large compared to what she owns.
- Contrasted to the large offerings given by the experts of the law in public, but are small compared to what they own.

The Signs of the End of the Age

- Jesus says the temple will be pulled down
- When will it happen?

For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he,' and, 'The time is near.' Do not follow them! And when you hear of wars and rebellions, do not be afraid. For these things must happen first, but the end will not come at once." (vv 8-9)

Persecution of Disciples

- Then he reveals the signs of the end times:

"Nation will rise up in arms against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹There will be great earthquakes, and famines and plagues in various places, and there will be terrifying sights and great signs from heaven.

- And then about the disciple's future:

But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you, handing you over to the synagogues and prisons. *[So, both religious and political persecution]* You will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will be a time for you to serve as witnesses. Therefore be resolved not to rehearse ahead of time how to make your defense. For I will give you the words along with the wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. (vv 12-15)

- Don't panic. Don't worry about the outcome for this is happening for you to be a witness to kings and king makers. Don't worry about what you need to say. I will tell you what to say and it won't be able to be refuted.

The Desolation of Jerusalem

- Another prophecy that Jerusalem will be torn down and a recommendation that everyone should flee to the hills.

The Arrival of the Son of Man

- End times prophecy again

"And there will be signs in the sun and moon and stars, and on the earth nations will be in distress, anxious over the roaring of the sea and the surging waves. People will be fainting from fear and from the expectation of what is coming on the world, *for the powers of the heavens will be shaken*. Then they will see *the Son of Man arriving in a cloud* with power and great glory. But when these things begin to happen, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." (vv 25-28)

- Jump to Luke 22:66

Then they [the council of elders – the chief priests and experts of law] led Jesus away to their council and said, "If you are the Christ, tell us." But he said to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe, and if I ask you, you will not answer. But from now on *the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand* of the power of God." So they all said, "Are you the Son of God, then?" He answered them, "You say that I am." Then they said, "Why do we need further testimony? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!"

- Daniel 7:13-14

"I was watching in the night visions,
And with the clouds of the sky
one like a son of man was approaching.
He went up to the Ancient of Days
and was escorted before him.
To him was given ruling authority, honor, and sovereignty.
All peoples, nations, and language groups were serving him.
His authority is eternal and will not pass away.
His kingdom will not be destroyed.

- Things to note from Daniel
 - "with the clouds of the sky one like a son of man was approaching" – a human was approaching heaven from earth
 - This human was brought before Yahweh and given ruling authority over the whole earth forever
 - There will be different people groups, nations and languages serving under him
- Things to note from Luke
 - "Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God" – IE: given equal authority and power as God – IE he will be equal to God.
 - "Are you the Son of God then? You say that I am" – Yes, but not in the way you think
 - "*the Son of Man arriving in a cloud with power and great glory*" – Jesus will arrive back to Earth in a cloud with power and great glory (after having received it from Yahweh)
- Jump to Luke 24:50-51

Then Jesus led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands, he blessed them. Now during the blessing he departed and was taken up into heaven.

The Parable of the Fig Tree

- The fig tree changes with the seasons and you can tell the season by looking at the fig tree. Same thing with the end times.

Be Ready!

- About your response to life with all this end times prophecy:

"But be on your guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day close down upon you suddenly like a trap. For it will overtake all who live on the face of the whole earth. But stay alert at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that must happen, and to stand before the Son of Man." (vv 24 – 36)

Luke 22

Judas' Decision to Betray Jesus

- Chief priests and experts in the law were trying to find a way to execute Jesus, but they were afraid of the people.
- They hire Judas who looked for an opportunity to arrest Jesus when he was away from the crowds (the people would come to him every morning in the temple and hear him teach)

The Passover

The Lord's Supper

¹⁹ Then ^[av] he took bread, and after giving thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body^[aw] which is given for you.^[ax] Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰ And in the same way he took ^[ay] the cup after they had eaten, ^[az] saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant^[ba] in my blood.

- "Cup that I poured out" – Drinking from a cup is common imagery for punishment or pain. Pouring out the cup is akin to death where the life is poured out from the person.
- New Covenant: Jeremiah 31:31

"Indeed, a time is coming," says the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and Judah.

A Final Discourse

- My leadership is servant leadership. The definition of "greatest" is actually opposite in my kingdom.

On the Mount of Olives

- Disciples are meant to pray against temptation, but fall asleep. Jesus wakes them up and again tells them to pray against temptation.
- Jesus prays "take this cup from me, but not my will, but yours be done"
- Jesus is in heavy anguish in the garden, but not during his trials and crucifixion until the very end where Yahweh abandons him.
 - What does abandonment mean to a being who has been eternally with his family/best friends/himself?

Betrayal and Arrest

Jesus' Condemnation and Peter's Denials

- Peter's betrayal isn't just a simple betrayal. It is a betrayal of a student to his Rabbi – akin to cutting off the relationship.

Luke 23

Jesus Brought Before Pilate

Jesus Brought Before Herod

Jesus Brought Before the Crowd

- No political reason to kill Jesus
- The crowd is payed off by the chief priests to release Barabas and kill Jesus.
- Pilate washes his hands and basically says "do whatever you want". Peace with the local leaders is more important the justice.

The Crucifixion

- Another prophecy about Jerusalem's destruction on his way to the hill
- Psalm 22

- The two criminals beside him

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, because the sun's light failed. The temple curtain was torn in two. Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, *into your hands I commit my spirit!*" And after he said this he breathed his last.

- Psalm 31:5
- Luke doesn't have the cry of anguish, but instead has a cry of trust.

Jesus' Burial

- Joseph of Arimathea – a member of the council (Sanhedrin)

Luke 24

The Resurrection

Now on the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women went to the tomb, taking the aromatic spices they had prepared. They found that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men stood beside them in dazzling attire. The women were terribly frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has been raised! Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then the women remembered his words, and when they returned from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles. But these words seemed like pure nonsense to them, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb. He bent down and saw only the strips of linen cloth; then he went home, wondering what had happened. (1-12)

- The women and the disciples didn't expect a resurrection. They were perplexed why Jesus' body had disappeared.
- The angels had to remind the women about Jesus's resurrection prophecy
- Liar, Lunatic, Lord

Jesus Walks the Road to Emmaus

Jesus Makes a Final Appearance

- Jesus appears to his larger group of disciples. Talks with them. Explains the scriptures. Eats and drinks with them.

Jesus' Final Commission

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds so they could understand the scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it stands written that the Christ would suffer and would rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are

witnesses of these things. And look, I am sending you what my Father promised. But stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

- Must be fulfilled – Jesus knew what was going to happen, but couldn’t change the future because the prophecies in the scriptures had to be fulfilled.
- What was promised – the Holy Spirit – see part 2: Acts.

Jesus’ Departure

Then Jesus led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands, he blessed them. Now during the blessing he departed and was taken up into heaven. So they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple courts blessing God.