

Luke Preaching Guide (Sunset Church)

Dec. 7, 2008 / Luke 1.1-4: Missio Dei, Mission of Christ *Jim Holway*

- This will be the introduction to the theme for the year, Missio Dei, and to the gospel of Luke. *Missio Dei*, a Latin phrase, means the mission or sending of God, and refers to God taking the initiative to fulfill his purpose, the redemption of humankind.
 - The series will be developed in three segments: The Mission of Jesus (using the gospel of Luke), the Mission of the Church (using the book of Acts), and a third segment that is to be determined.
- 1.1-4 Introduction

Dec. 14 / Luke 1.5-80: Preview of Coming Attractions *Robert Hall*

- The arrival of God on earth demanded angelic pronouncements accompanied by miraculous deeds. While the announcements were truly “out of this world,” God chooses with great care the recipients of this good news.
- 1.5-25 The birth of John the Baptist foretold
1.26-38 The birth of Jesus foretold
1.39-45 Mary visits Elizabeth
1.46-56 Mary’s Song
1.57-66 The birth of John the Baptist
1.67-80 Zechariah’s Song

Dec. 21 / Luke 2.1-3.20: God Sends His Gift to Humankind *Jim Holway*

- There has been no greater gift given than the gift of Jesus to the world. The story of Christmas is the story of a God who gives the very best. Christmas is His story in the making.
- 2.1-7 The birth of Jesus
2.8-20 The shepherds and the angels
2.21-40 Jesus presented in the temple
2.41-52 The boy Jesus in the temple
3.1-20 John the Baptist prepares the way

Dec. 28 / Luke 3.21-4.13: Staying True to the Mission *Tim Ramsay*

- The baptism and temptations of Jesus serve to clarify his purpose and mission. In his baptism, God the Father declares that Jesus is his beloved Son. The devil attacks that identity by challenging Jesus: “If you are the son of God...” Will Jesus remain true to his Sonship?
- 3.21-38 The baptism and genealogy of Jesus
4.1-13 The temptation of Jesus

Jan. 4, 2009 / Luke 4.14-6.16: Choosing Sides *Jim Holway*

- Jesus’ first sermon serves as a fork in the road: will you follow me or not? There are only two choices. He revisions the purpose of God and it quickly becomes clear that the Jewish leaders are not on the same path to God as Jesus.
- 4.14-30 Jesus rejected at Nazareth
4.31-37 Jesus drives out an evil spirit
4.38-44 Jesus heals many
5.1-11 The calling of the first disciples
5.12-16 The man with leprosy
5.17-26 Jesus heals a paralytic
5.27-32 The calling of Levi
5.33-39 Jesus questioned about fasting
6.1-11 Lord of the Sabbath
6.12-16 The twelve apostles

Jan. 11 / Luke 6.17-49: Living in the Kingdom *David Capiro*

- This “Sermon on the Plain” is Luke’s rendition of Matthew’s “Sermon on the Mount.” The focus is only Kingdom ethics and behavior. Jesus continues to emphasize the widening gap between his Kingdom and the religious traditions of the world (including the Jews). There are only two builders: wise and foolish.
- 6.17-26 Blessings and woes
6.27-36 Love for enemies
6.37-42 Judging others
6.43-45 A tree and its fruit
6.46-49 The wise and foolish builders

Jan. 18 / Luke 7.1-50: Is Jesus the One?

- Jesus’ ministry to non-Jews indicates the nature of his ministry. But this emphasis causes even some of his most faithful followers and family (John the Baptist) to question whether Jesus really was the Messiah. The interchange between Jesus and the Pharisee about the woman is a microcosm of God’s purpose for Jesus and his followers.
- 7.1-10 The faith of the centurion
7.11-17 Jesus raises a widow’s son
7.18-35 Jesus and John the Baptist
7.36-50 Jesus anointed by a sinful woman

Jan. 25 / Luke 8.1-56: Who Is This?

- Jesus' followers continue to be confused about his identity. His family and disciples still don't know who he really is and the extent of his power and authority. After 2000 years, are we any closer to grasping who Jesus really is?

8.1-15	The parable of the sower
8.16-18	A lamp on a stand
8.19-21	Jesus' mother and brothers
8.22-25	Jesus calms the storm
8.26-39	The healing of a demon-possessed man
8.40-56	A dead girl and a sick woman

Feb. 1 / Luke 9.1-62: Jesus Sends

- 3 times Jesus sends out his followers: the apostles (here), the 72 (Luke 10), and all his disciples (Luke 24). The disciples have a mountaintop experience: they finally recognize that Jesus is the Messiah. When they come down, we see that they still have a long way to go: they argue about who is the greatest and Jesus teaches them about the cost of following him. Jesus sets out for Jerusalem.

9.1-9	Jesus sends out the twelve
9.10-17	Jesus feeds the five thousand
9.18-27	Peter's confession of Christ
9.28-36	The transfiguration
9.37-45	The healing of a boy with an evil spirit
9.46-50	Who will be the greatest?
9.51-56	Samaritan opposition
9.57-62	The cost of following Jesus

Feb. 8 / Luke 10.1-11.54: Jesus Sends Again

- The 72 are sent to every village and place Jesus was about to go. Those destinations are focused outside Israel, and Jesus holds up a Samaritan as the hero of a parable. Jesus uses Jonah's preaching to the Ninevites to admonish the crowd.

10.1-24	Jesus sends out the seventy-two
10.25-37	The parable of the good Samaritan
10.38-42	At the home of Mary and Martha
11.1-13	Jesus' teaching on prayer
11.14-28	Jesus and Beelzebub
11.29-32	The sign of Jonah
11.33-36	The lamp of the body
11.37-54	Six woes

Feb. 15 / Luke 12.1-13.35: One Foot on Earth and One Foot in Heaven

- In this section Jesus continues his teaching on the challenge of following him here on earth. There are attacks from the opposition, and well as temptations to worry and hoard wealth. Like the mustard seed and yeast, Jesus' kingdom starts small and works from the inside out.

12.1-12	Warnings and encouragements
12.13-21	The parable of the rich fool
12.22-34	Do not worry
12.35-48	Watchfulness
12.49-53	Not peace but division
12.54-59	Interpreting the times
13.1-9	Repent or perish
13.10-17	A crippled woman healed on the Sabbath
13.18-21	The parables of the mustard seed and the yeast
13.22-30	The narrow door
13.31-35	Jesus' sorrow for Jerusalem

Feb. 22 / Luke 14.1-15.32: Who Is My Neighbor?

- Jesus again emphasizes the place that the marginalized of society have in God's kingdom. Jesus was under constant attack for his contact with "sinners," which gave opportunity for one of his best-known parables, the Prodigal Father.

14.1-14	Jesus at a Pharisee's house
14.15-24	The parable of the great banquet
14.25-35	The cost of being a disciple
15.1-7	The parable of the lost sheep
15.8-10	The parable of the lost coin
15.11-32	The parable of the lost son

March 1 / Luke 16.1-17.37: The Kingdom Is Within Us

- Jesus emphasizes kingdom values: shrewdness, mercy, forgiveness, and gratefulness.

16.1-15	The parable of the shrewd manager
16.16-18	Additional teachings
16.19-31	The rich man and Lazarus
17.1-10	Sin, faith, duty
17.11-19	Ten healed of leprosy
17.20-37	The coming of the kingdom of God

March 8 / Luke 18.1-19.27: Jesus' Heart for the Marginalized

- Again Jesus focuses on unlikely heroes: an unjust judge, a tax collector, children, a blind beggar, and a chief tax collector.
- 18.1-8 The parable of the persistent widow
18.9-14 The parable of the pharisee and the tax collector
18.15-17 The little children and Jesus
18.18-30 The rich ruler
18.31-34 Jesus again predicts his death
18.35-43 A blind beggar receives his sight
19.1-10 Zacchaeus the tax collector
19.11-27 The parable of the ten minas

March 15 / Luke 19.28-21.4: The King Returns to Jerusalem

- Jesus' journey to Jerusalem, begun in Luke 9.51, is completed. As he enters God's city, he enters the Jewish stronghold. His authority is challenged, he delivers a scathing parable against the Jews, and his foes attempt to trip him up.
- 19.28-44 The triumphal entry
19.45-48 Jesus at the temple
20.1-8 The authority of Jesus questioned
20.9-19 The parable of the tenants
20.20-26 Paying taxes to Caesar
20.27-40 The resurrection and marriage
20.41-47 Whose son is the Christ?
21.1-4 The widow's offering

March 22 / Luke 21.5-22.6: The End Is Near

- Jesus answers questions about the end of Jerusalem and the end of time. Satan finally achieves a foothold in Judas' heart.
- 21.5-38 Signs at the end of the age
22.1-6 Judas agrees to betray Jesus

March 29 / Luke 22.7-38: Joining Jesus at the Table

- Jesus eats the Passover meal with his disciples, and gives all believers a lasting way to remember him.
- 22.7-38 The last supper

April 5 / Luke 22.39-23.56: The Darkest Night

- Jesus' last hours on earth begin with a struggle in prayer, and end with the apparent triumph of his enemies.
- 22.39-46 Jesus prays on the Mount of Olives
22.47-53 Jesus arrested
22.54-62 Peter disowns Jesus
22.63-65 The guards mock Jesus
22.66-71/23.1-25 Jesus before Pilate and Herod
23.26-43 The crucifixion
23.44-49 Jesus' death
23.50-56 Jesus' burial

April 12 / Luke 24.1-53: The Brightest Morning!

- Resurrection Sunday far outshines the darkness of Friday and Saturday. The resurrected Jesus appears to his disciples and continues to teach them. He charges them with the mission of going into the world as his witnesses.
- 24.1-12 The resurrection
24.13-35 On the road to Emmaus
24.36-49 Jesus appears to the disciples
24.50-53 The ascension