

**LESSONS THIS QUARTER**

1) 06 Dec 2020	..... Luke 1:1-25	..... Planned
2) 13 Dec	..... Luke 1:26-80	..... Conceived
3) 20 Dec	..... Luke 2:1-19	..... Proclaimed
4) 27 Dec	..... Luke 2:20-40	..... Anticipated
5) 03 Jan 2021	..... Luke 2:41-52	..... Matured
6) 10 Jan	..... Luke 3:1-38	..... Prepared
7) 17 Jan	..... Luke 6:27-49	..... Compassionate
8) 24 Jan	..... Luke 4:1-44	..... Rejected
9) 31 Jan	..... Luke 5:1-16; 27-39	..... Followed
10) 07 Feb	..... Luke 5:17-26	..... Forgives
<b>11) 14 Feb</b>	<b>..... Luke 6:1-26</b>	<b>..... Reigns</b>
12) 21 Feb	..... Luke 7:1-50	..... Loved
13) 28 Feb	..... Luke 9:1-62	..... Unashamed

**INTRODUCTION**

- We learn Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath, which means He can make the rules & adjust them as He sees fit

Passage	Comments
6:1-11	<p><b>Overriding Principle – Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v2. The Pharisees substituted legalism/traditionalism for righteousness/liberty. Do we do the same?                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ What has precedence? The “Letter of the Law” or the “Spirit of the Law?” E.g., “Eye for Eye” – is this to be taken literally or judiciously (equitable justice)?</li> <li>♦ What legalistic or traditional practices (sacred cows) limit us from expressing God’s righteousness to His people and to the world in our denomination?                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Salvation sermon (we always got to have one)?                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How then do people grow beyond John 3:16?</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Other legalistic or traditional practices which prevents or slows our spiritual growth?</li> </ol> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• vv3-4. Man’s wellbeing for food trumped legalism                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ God did allow exceptions to some of His Laws of <a href="#">Num 27:7</a>; <a href="#">2Chron 30:104</a>; <a href="#">Ezra 3:8</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Wake Up Call	<p><b>Every Denomination Drinks Its Own Bath Water!!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This cliché means a group of people believe in their own “truths” and propaganda, often to their detriment</li> <li>• <b>Realize this.</b> Southern Baptists only constitute less than 2% of all Christian groups/denominations                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ So, what makes us think we are the most biblically correct denomination worthy of God to bless?                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Because I sense it to be so!</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Because it is the faith of my parents!</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Because I got saved in this denomination!</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Because we can trace our roots to the Cross</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Because God is blessing us more than others</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Because we are most closely aligned to Scripture</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Because we are the largest, or fastest growing, or most popular, or have the most of something</li> </ul> </li> <li>♦ But every denomination thinks/believes the same about themselves (e.g., Methodists, Pentecostals, Catholics, Presbyterians, non-denominational, etc.)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Quick Facts	<p><b>The Catholic Church.</b> Largest Christian denom. (1.3B)  <b>Southern Baptist Convention.</b> Largest single Protestant denomination in the U.S. (17M)  <b>Lakewood Church, Houston, Tx (Joel Olsteen, non-denom).</b> Largest megachurch in the U.S. (40,000+)  <b>Yoido Full Gospel Church, South Korea (Assembly of God).</b> Largest church in the world (830,000+)  <b>Lifepoint Church, Clarksville, TN (non-denom).</b> Fastest growing church in the U.S.  <b>Islam.</b> The fastest growing religion in the world (~2%). Christianity ranks 6<sup>th</sup> in growth (1.3%)</p>

Passage	Comments
Luke 6:5	<p><b>The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christ can change His laws at His righteous discretion                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Recall some laws are for all times and for all people groups (e.g., marriage, murder, adultery, thievery), while other laws were more specific to the Jews for a specific time period or covenant (e.g. dietary laws)</li> <li>♦ ...and besides, the Sabbath rest was made for man’s benefit (this is an overriding principle)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• But what about the man who was stoned for picking up sticks on the Sabbath in violation of Commandment #4 (<a href="#">Num 15:32-35</a>)? Wasn’t he just wanting to keep his family warm, or were there other issues to consider?</li> </ul>
6:12-16	<p><b>Jesus Selects His A-Team</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why would Jesus, being 100% God, need all night to pray for things which were planned before time began, including Judas’ selection and betrayal?</li> <li>• Jesus, being 100% Man, presented His requests to God the Father just like we need to so all things work together for the good of those who love God. <a href="#">Rom 8:28</a></li> </ul>
6:17-26	<p><b>Sermon on the Plain</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Very similar to the Sermon on the Mount.....<a href="#">Matthew 5</a></li> <li>• No contradiction between <a href="#">Luke 6</a> and <a href="#">Matthew 5</a>.                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Jesus repeated his teachings for new audiences much like many pastors deliver sermons similar</li> </ul> </li> <li>• vv17-19. Complete Healings. People came from everywhere to see Him, to hear Him, and to be healed by Him – and HE HEALED THEM ALL....</li> <li>• vv20-23. The Beatitudes – the downtrodden will one day have their misfortunes reversed</li> <li>• vv24-26. The Woes – and the pompous rich will one day have their fortunes reversed</li> </ul>

**CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS**

- We cannot be too high & mighty. God can use us Baptists just as easy as He can use Pentecostals & Catholics to accomplish His will. In fact, God can also use the wicked to fulfill His desires ([Hab 1:6](#)).
- God doesn’t wait till we are perfect in our faith before He can use us mightily, but the more we focus on learning sound doctrine and living by them the more God can use us ..... [1Tim 4:6](#)

**NEXT WEEK: Luke 7:1-50.** We see Jesus healing a sick slave and also healing someone with no faith. John the Baptist has a tough question for Jesus, and Jesus gets His feet washed – Twice!

