

**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
<b>7) 17 Jan</b>	<b>..... Luke 6:27-49</b>	<b>..... Compassionate</b>
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
11) 14 Feb	..... Luke 6:1-26	..... Reigns
12) 21 Feb	..... Luke 7:1-50	..... Loved
13) 28 Feb	..... Luke 9:1-62	..... Unashamed

**INTRODUCTION**

- Jesus makes many radical statements to highlight spiritual truths.
  - ♦ Love your enemies; Give to everyone who asks; Lend expecting nothing in return; Pluck out your eyes; and Cut off your limbs.
  - ♦ What would you be willing to pay or do for eternal life?

Passage	Comments
Luke 6:27-36	<p><b>Sermon on the Plain</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Radical Sayings – Love your enemies; Give to everyone who asks; Lend expecting nothing in return.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Seems contradictory with other statements by Jesus.</li> <li>♦ Jesus called the Pharisees vipers and hypocrites (not much love there); He would not work signs when asked to do so by the Pharisees; and we are commanded not to give our “pearls” to “swine”</li> <li>♦ Some radical statements needed to be explained as metaphorical or a hyperbole or an exaggeration (e.g., gouging one’s eyes out does not gain Heaven)</li> <li>♦ Other radical statements are conditional                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Yes, we need to have a generous spirit, even to our enemies, but we also need to be aware of other biblical principles which may have overriding precedence (e.g., We are not to “cast pearls before swine” – Even Jesus did not give signs to Pharisees when they asked to see one)</li> <li>▪ ...Nor did Jesus give another free meal to those who asked for it. Instead, Jesus told them to seek the bread that leads to eternal life .... <a href="#">John 6:26-27</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
6:37-38	<p><b>We Reap What We Sow – And What We Deserve</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do Not Judge, But Forgive, and Give Generously. Powerful principles, yet results may not be seen in this life. For example, Jesus forgave His tormentors, but they still nailed Him to the Cross; The widow with 2 mites and the widows of <a href="#">1Timothy 5</a> gave everything for God – but they reaped nothing in this life but abject poverty.</li> </ul>
6:39-42	<p><b>Priority in Life – Fix What is Broke in Your Life First</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Don't be a hypocrite and try to help others before you fix what is broke in your life. What is broke in your life?</li> </ul>
6:43-45	<p><b>Judge Their Fruit</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are to discern/judge good fruit from bad                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ What fruit do you have and what does it look like?</li> <li>♦ What does bad fruit look like? <input type="checkbox"/> Discouraging? <input type="checkbox"/> Unwholesome words? <input type="checkbox"/> Bad attitude? <input type="checkbox"/> Other</li> <li>♦ What does good fruit look like? <input type="checkbox"/> Wholesome words? <input type="checkbox"/> Souls won/discipled for the Lord?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
6:46-49	<p><b>If We Call Jesus Lord – Then OBEY!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are to dig our foundations deep into God's word and live by His principles. Does this include keeping the Speed Limit? Why shouldn't it?</li> </ul>

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Other Hard, Extreme, or Radical Sayings of Jesus	<p><b>To be His disciple and make it to Heaven we must... Matthew 18:8-9.</b> Cut off hand or foot, or pluck out eye if need be</p> <p><b>Mark 19:21.</b> Sell everything and give to the poor</p> <p><b>Luke 14:26.</b> Hate mother &amp; father, sons &amp; daughters, brothers &amp; sisters, your spouse &amp; yourself</p> <p><b>Luke 14:33.</b> Forsake everything</p> <p><b>John 6:54.</b> Eat His flesh and drink His blood</p>
Why Did Jesus Speak in Parables, Hyperboles, and Make Other Radical Sayings?	<p><i>That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them</i> ..... <a href="#">Mark 4:12</a></p> <p>In Other Words (IOW) – Jesus did not force anyone to believe in Him. He gave sufficient evidence for people to make a sound decision to trust Him as Lord and Savior, and enough wiggle room for others to walk away and yet be eternally accountable</p>

**CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS**

- Fortunately, we do not have to pay or do anything for eternal life except to do the ONE work God tells everyone to do → “That you believe in Jesus, whom He has sent.” ([John 6:29](#)). Of course, to “believe” is more than just head knowledge. Even the demons know Jesus ([James 2:19](#)).
  - ♦ To believe means to trust in, rely on, and live for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ (and we can only do this in the power of the Holy Spirit – which God so freely gives to those who love Him).
- The only thing God expects of us after we have accepted His Son as our Lord and Savior is to show our thanks through faithful service in giving our time, talents, and \$\$\$ to further grow His Kingdom

**NEXT WEEK: Luke 4:1-44.** Jesus began His ministry with “Shock & Awe.” He healed everything from headaches to demon-possession. But there is something more important than His healings. It is His teachings. While His healings brought temporary relief, His teachings brought eternal life.

THE BACK PEW - JEFF LARSON



**I'd rather be a 'PIRATE' and lose me hand, foot, or eye if they cause me to sin, than to go to Hell!! [Mark 9:43-47](#)**