

**LESSONS THIS QUARTER**

- 9) 04 Mar..... Luke 1:1-80.....A Special Baby – Rejoice
- 10) 11 Mar..... Luke 2:1-52.....A Unique Person – Praise God
- 11) 18 Mar..... Luke 3:1 – 4:30.....An Unexpected Messiah – Honor Him
- 12) 25 Mar..... Luke 4:31 – 6:11.....Christianity 101 – Accept Others
- 13) 01 Apr..... Luke 6:12 – 8:56.....Christianity 102 – Live to Benefit Others
- 14) 08 Apr..... Luke 24:13-35.....Be Confident of the Resurrection
- 15) 15 Apr..... Luke 9:1-50.....Christianity 103 – Meet Needs
- 16) 22 Apr..... Luke 9:51 – 13:21.....Christianity 104 – Be Good Neighbors
- 17) 29 Apr..... Luke 13:22 – 17:10.....Christianity 105 – Manage Money Well
- 18) 06 May..... Luke 17:11 – 19:27.....Christianity 106 – Learn to Pray
- 19) 13 May..... Luke 19:28 – 22:65.....He Voluntarily Suffered – Be Grateful
- 20) 20 May..... Luke 22:66 – 23:49.....He Offers Salvation – Believe
- 21) 27 May..... Luke 23:50 – 24:12,36-53.....He Lives Eternally – Carry On

**INTRODUCTION**

- In these passages there is an emphasis on possessions, praying, and healings with strong spiritual connotations

Passage	Comments
Luke 17:11-19	<p><b>Healing of 10 Lepers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unlike the one lone leper of Luke 5:12-13, Jesus did not touch these lepers. They stood at a distance, Jesus saw them and told them to go to the priests</li> <li>• Only 1 leper, a non-Jew, returned to say THANK YOU</li> <li>• If the other 9 were unsaved ingrates, Jesus healed them anyway – but was it by their faith or His mercy?</li> <li>• <b>Principle.</b> Even ingrates (saved or unsaved) can pray to receive blessings &amp; mercy from God, for even God’s goodness can lead ingrates to repentance..... Rom 2:4</li> </ul>
Miracle Means	<p>Of the 26 recorded healings by Jesus, most were instantaneous by a simple touch or word. Others involved multiple touches or time or by special means. E.g.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blind man and use of spit and a 2<sup>nd</sup> touch.... Mk 8:22-25</li> <li>• Deaf/Mute - spitting &amp; touching ears &amp; tongue.. Mk 7:35</li> <li>• 10 lepers healed after walking away .....Lk 17:11-19</li> </ul>
17:20-37	<p><b>The Coming of the Kingdom</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The kingdom is still cloaked in some secrecy – “it is not coming with something observable, but it is with you”</li> <li>• God’s kingdom is basically growing one soul at a time</li> <li>• “Where Lord?” – “Where the corpse is, the vultures will be gathered” – a euphemism indicating the Kingdom of God will be fully made known when God’s wrath comes upon mankind at the end of time when there will be no hiding place from God’s justice as no corpse in the field can be hid from vultures</li> </ul>
18:1-8	<p><b>Parable of the Persistent Widow</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some prayers God answers IMMEDIATELY, such as those who humbly request to be born again</li> <li>• However, Jesus tells His believing followers persistent praying for needs is a MUST ..... WHY?</li> <li>• Persistence gives us time to adjust our will to God’s</li> </ul>
Key Aspects of Prayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Praying is Asking and Receiving</b> – It is not telling or commanding God what to do for us at our convenience</li> <li>• We have not, because we ask not..... James 4:2</li> <li>• Fervent/persistent prayers of a righteous person accomplishes MUCH ..... James 5:16</li> <li>• We can boldly ask and confidently anticipate positive answers to our prayers if we meet certain conditions:                         <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. God’s glory &amp; His will have priority ..... Lk 11:12</li> <li>2. We humble ourselves as God’s servants .Lk 17:10</li> <li>3. We are righteous (repent from sins) .....Ps 34:17</li> </ol> </li> <li>• Even Jesus didn’t get all of His prayers answered: “Father, remove this cup from me...”</li> </ul>

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18:9-14	<p><b>Parable of the Pharisee and Tax Collector</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 1<sup>st</sup> step in getting our prayers answered is getting right with God → Humble ourselves &amp; sincerely repent</li> </ul>
18:15-17	<p><b>Blessing of the Children</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus again highlights the key to access God’s throne – humble ourselves as a little child before a loving Dad</li> </ul>
18:18-30	<p><b>The Rich Young Ruler</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “What must I do to inherit eternal life?”</li> <li>• Possessions/money blinds us to our real need for God</li> <li>• Give away SELF &amp; give Christ priority gives eternal life</li> </ul>
18:31-34	<p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Prediction of the Lord’s Death</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v34. The gravity of the Lord’s soon death was “hidden” from the Apostles .....WHY                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Possibly due to not being ready to handle the truth as a 1<sup>st</sup> grader is not ready to handle calculus</li> <li>♦ God’s timing is not our timing</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
18:35-43	<p><b>A Blind Man Refuses to be Quiet and Receives Sight</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mark 10:46 tells us it was blind Bartimaeus</li> <li>• <b>Principle.</b> Again, persistence (aka, being a squeaky wheel) gets one heard</li> <li>• <b>Principle.</b> But know the difference between being biblically persistent and being a nuisance, or we could receive “leanness” for praying for things we shouldn’t be praying for to satisfy our lust .....Ps 106:13-15</li> </ul>
19:1-10	<p><b>Jesus Visits Zacchaeus</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zacchaeus received salvation for humbling himself and for giving SELF away by making amends financially – though he did not have to give everything away</li> </ul>
19:11-27	<p><b>Parable of the 10 Minas</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We should live in such a way so we can eventually hear those precious words from God “<i>Well done, thou good and faithful servant: You have been faithful over a few things, I will make you a ruler over many things, so enter into the joy of the Lord</i>” .....Matthew 5:21</li> </ul>

**CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS**

- The best way to bring the Kingdom of God to earth is to humble ourselves and persistently pray for and win one soul at a time

**NEXT WEEK: Luke 19-22.** Jesus enters Jerusalem; His authority is challenged; He gives signs of the end times; & He is betrayed



**PREACHER, IF THINGS DON'T PICK UP PRETTY SOON, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO PRAY ABOUT IT**