

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

- The final countdown to the cross begins
- With just days to go, Jesus enters Jerusalem; His authority is challenged; He gives tribute to a poor widow, He gives signs of the end times; & He was wounded by friends

Passage	Comments
Luke 19:28-44	<p>Jesus Enters Jerusalem One Final Time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus riding on a colt was in fulfillment of Zech 9:9 and signified He was the legitimate Son of David who could rightfully sit on David’s throne • v38. The people shouted praises! But mobs are an erratic bunch. They will soon shout “Crucify Him!”
19:41-48	<p>Jesus Weeps for Jerusalem, then He Cracks the Whip</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v41-44. Jesus weeps over their blindness. Similar to Jeremiah’s day, their blindness was self-induced from willful ignorance. Jesus was willing to forgive and restore, but they were unwilling to repent..... John 5:40 • Jesus cleanses the Temple of profiteers similar to Nehemiah throwing Tobiah’s personal stuff out of the Temple and into the street..... Nehemiah 13:7-8 • God’s house was meant to be a House of Prayer where people could seek God and receive answers to needs • Is our church a house of prayer? How much praying really goes on here compared to all other activities? 1%? 10%? 50%? Where can we improve on praying?
20:1-8	<p>Jesus’ Authority is Challenged</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus was asked a very simple question “who gave you authority to clean house?” The short direct answer was He needed no authority since it was His house • But Jesus asked the scribes a question. If the scribes had said John’s baptism was from “Heaven” this would have been the answer to their question to Jesus • Principle. Scripture says we are to give to whosoever asks something of us. So why did Jesus not give the scribes the answer they were looking for? There is a higher priority – do not cast pearls before swine
20:9-18	<p>The Parable of the Vineyard Owner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus told this parable as another last ditch effort to get the religious leaders to see the peril they were in • What more can God do? Or “What more was there to do for My vineyard that I have not done in it?” Isa 5:4
20:19-26	<p>God vs Caesar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What questions would we ask of Jesus?
20:27-46	<p>The Sadducees vs the Resurrection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v27. Sadducees were grouped with the Pharisees (scribes), priests and elders as Jewish leaders/rulers • Sadducees did not believe in the resurrection or angels • vv46-47. Principle – We may not be in a position to remove bad leaders, so how do we “beware of them”?

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21:1-4	<p>The Widow’s Gift</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principle #1. We can be poor but still faithful in giving • Principle #2. God’s promised blessing of receiving 30x, 60x, or 100-fold does not always mean in dollars
21:5-19	<p>The End Days</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This prophecy seems to have a dual meaning <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD by the Romans 2. Great tribulation recorded in Revelations • v19. Godly endurance/perseverance leads to life. – Equivalent to working out your salvation with fear and trembling (Phil 2:12). This does not mean salvation by works, but an “abundant” life is gained even after dying • v24. Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled – Guess what? We are still in the time of the Gentiles
21:25-38	<p>The Return of Jesus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a lesson all to itself with a dive into Revelations vv34-36. Be on guard, and PRAY for strength/wisdom • v37. What did Jesus do all night on Mt Olivet? .. Lk 6:12
22:1-23	<p>The Last Passover</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v3. Satan entered Judas. Was Judas demon possessed or just influenced? Can Christians be demon-possessed?
22:24-30	<p>Who’s the Greatest?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v26. From a Christian perspective, the more spiritually mature should be the most humbled servant to all
22:31-46 22:54-65	<p>Peter’s Denial and the Lord’s Praying</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v40. If only Peter had prayed as he was told to, he would not have committed that atrocity • v42. If the cup was the cross, this was His only prayer not answered by God – BUT, Jesus’ persistent praying (3x) allowed Him to align His will to God’s .. Mt 26:38-46
22:47-53	<p>The Judas Kiss</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v51. The last healing by Jesus is of a man (Malchus) who was bent on hauling Him off to be crucified

CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS

- Though Jesus’ daily activities became more and more hectic as he got closer to the cross, yet He never wavered making time to visit with His Father in prayer, though it may have been after midnight
- All sin can be traced to prayerlessness
- Remember – we have not because we ask not

NEXT WEEK: Luke 22-23. Jesus is arrested and appears before the Sanhedrin, before Pilate, and before Herod, all before His crucifixion

