



LUKE

Practical, Easy-To-Use Devotionals Made for Families.



BOOK SUMMARY

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SETTING

Luke, the author of this biography, was a doctor who traveled with the apostle Paul.

Luke says at the beginning of his book that he wanted to make a detailed record of the eye-witness testimonies to Jesus' life. He probably conducted a lot of interviews and also learned a lot from Paul!

Luke is a careful historian and a good storyteller. He wrote more pages of the New Testament than any other person! He's also the author of the book of Acts, which tells us about the early days of the Church. Of the four gospels (the word "gospel" means "good news"), Luke's gospel gives us the *most detailed picture* of the birth of Jesus and His early life.

Luke probably wrote his book in the early 60's A.D., just a few years after Matthew and Mark's gospels were written. (Back then, people didn't put dates on books as we do now. That's why we aren't perfectly sure.)

Luke is writing mostly to Gentiles (people who aren't Jewish). Some people think that Luke was a Gentile himself! Why does it matter whether the audience was Jewish or Gentile? That's a really important question! Knowing the answer will help you understand Luke and the whole rest of the New Testament! You can hear more about that in the section **Who Is God's Family?** from the **Big Questions, Simple Answers** E-book.

• Side Note!

• It's important to remember that when the gospels mention "the Jews," they're usually talking about the Jewish *leaders* who opposed Jesus and eventually plotted to have Him killed.



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OVERVIEW

In this biography of Jesus, we get a very detailed picture of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. We see Him teaching, telling stories, connecting with people, standing up to those who stood for evil, caring for people's physical needs, healing sicknesses, forgiving sin (sin is rebelling against or ignoring God), and ultimately dying and rising again for the sake of His people.

Luke wants us to see that Jesus is the Savior. He's saving us from sin, death (sin's consequence), and forever separation from Him. He's the Rescuer and King for whom we've always hoped!



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THEMES

Luke, like Matthew, focuses on Jesus as the fulfillment of the promises God made in the Old Testament. (Fulfillment means that the thing you've been waiting for has come.)

Luke shows us through Jesus' words and actions how He's the Messiah (the Rescuer sent by God to overturn evil and save the world) and the rightful King over everything!

Luke tells us that when Jesus started His ministry, He stood up and read these words from the Old Testament scroll of Isaiah: *"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."* (Luke 4:18 NIV) That gives us a really good idea of what Jesus came to do!

P.S. "Anointed" means that God has chosen someone to do something special and that He's going to give them His power to do the task He gave them.

Luke focuses on the ways Jesus seeks and accepts those who have been on the "outside" or suffering in some way: the poor, the sick, the hurting, those who'd lived in ways that weren't good by man's standards (or by God's), those who were outside the Jewish community (and so hadn't experienced

all the rich history of Israel), and even women and children (who sometimes weren't treated very nicely in those days). Jesus welcomes them all!

Luke also captures Jesus' teachings about how His Kingdom is different from the ones we usually think of.

For example...

He says that the rich and powerful aren't the ones we should look up to. Instead, it should be those who see they're actually poor in spirit (they know they need God). The greatest are those who serve others, and not the ones who act and talk like they're important. Jesus helps us see how those in His kingdom should think about things like suffering, possessions, and glory. Jesus came not just to bring us into His Kingdom, but also to show us how to live in it!

Finally, Luke records the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is God Himself, living within us, giving us strength and guidance.

It's a new page in the story!

God with us—with all who will come to Him by faith! As you read Luke, you'll see how God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit are ALL part of the story!

HOW TO USE

Luke shows us who Jesus is and how we can come to Him. When we do, we'll be welcomed, forgiven, and given new Life, just like those in the story!

Luke helps us understand that Jesus wants everybody! He welcomes everyone-- rich and poor, old and young, sick and healthy, men and women, every race, every nation, and every culture. The doors are open for us to become God's people if we trust, believe, and walk with our Rescuer Jesus! He's the Savior!





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Setting The Stage: Jesus Is Coming!

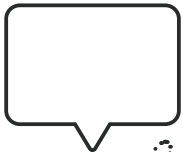
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HIGHLIGHT

(vs. 52-55) Luke often highlights how Jesus reverses our ideas of what it means to be great or blessed. He honors the poor, the weak, the needy, the humble (those who aren't concerned with their greatness!). Our culture usually celebrates people that we see as big and important. Jesus honors and celebrates ordinary people who welcome His help and His love.

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FIND IT

(v. 38) What was Mary's response to the angel Gabriel? (FYI: Angels are heavenly messengers and helpers sent by God to serve His purposes for His people.) Mary's heart is a great example for us to follow—we can ask the Lord to give us that kind of trust and joy in following Him!



God Keeps His Promises: Jesus' Birth And Early Life

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(vs. 25-35) God gave Simeon a glimpse of the future. Some of it was hard news. Jesus' coming would show what was really in everyone's hearts. Some would refuse to believe Him (even though many were leaders of God's people), but others who had never been part of God's family would love and trust Him! In the process, great sadness would come to Mary. She would one day see her Son (God's only Son) killed. The Lord knew this. He began to prepare her gently.

BACKSTORY

(vs. 8-11) What does the angel say to the shepherds about Jesus? God made it SO CLEAR who Jesus really is! Fun Fact: Jesus was born in the same town as King David (from the Old Testament). That detail helps us see how He is the true King from David's family that God promised so long ago!

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John The Baptist Paves The Way For Jesus // Jesus' Family Tree

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BACKSTORY

(v. 37) Luke tells us Jesus' family history through the line of Joseph. Even though God was His real father, Jesus was still part of Joseph's family. Look at the end of v. 37. Who's the last man listed? (He's the first man ever!) How is he described ("Son of ___")? The book of Romans helps us see how Jesus was a sort of new Adam! The first man (Adam) brought sin (rebellion against God) and death into the world, but this new Adam would bring life! Jesus doesn't just bring any life, but rather a Life that never dies ("eternal life") for all who believe and trust Him! This long family tree traces God's faithfulness, and it helps us see Jesus' purpose!

A NOTE

WORTH

(v. 7) John the Baptist's mission was to prepare the way for Jesus. He told people to turn away from their darkness so they could receive God's Light! The "vipers" he talks about are those who refuse to listen to God. He might be talking about the hard-hearted religious leaders.

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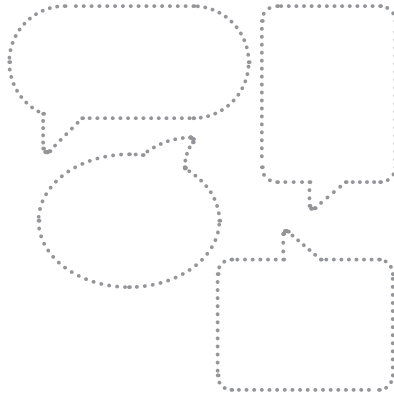
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Jesus Wins Victory In The Wilderness And Begins His Work

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FUN FACT

The devil is the enemy of God and His people, but he's no match for Jesus! The same Holy Spirit and the same Word of God (the Bible) that Jesus used to fight back make us able to fight against the darkness, too!

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HISTORY

Jesus was tempted in the wilderness for 40 days. God's people (Israel) had been tempted in the wilderness before, too. Exodus, Deuteronomy, and Numbers record the story of how God's newly formed family experienced something hard, and instead of trusting Him, they refused to believe His promises. They disobeyed Him, and there were sad consequences. Many, many years later, Jesus went into the wilderness and faced temptation, too. But He trusted God and WON! He fought Satan's schemes by using God's word (the Bible!). What does He quote (3 times)? Deuteronomy 6-8! Exactly the part where God is calling Israel (in the wilderness) to be faithful!



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Jesus Calls His Disciples, Performs Miracles, And Forgives Sin

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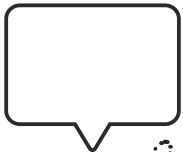
HIGHLIGHT

Jesus knows that our biggest need is to be forgiven and brought back home to God. He's the ONLY one who can do that. He healed a paralyzed man so that he could walk, but it was an even bigger miracle when Jesus forgave him! When God saves us, He takes what was dead and makes it alive! We were dead because of sin—our hearts were like stone—and didn't respond to God at all. But Jesus calls our hearts to come to Life! We spiritually "get up and walk"! (v. 23)

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Jesus did three miracles in the early part of chapter 5. Which one stands out to you most today? What do you learn from it? Notice: What does it say that Jesus often did? (v. 16)



Jesus: The Wisest Teacher

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(vs. 37-41) This passage isn't saying that we shouldn't help others see what's right and wrong. It's showing us that we should FIRST (and most importantly) examine ourselves! We ask God to help us see our sin, and we cooperate with Him as He helps us remove it. We can't know how to help others very well until our sin gets out of the way. Usually, when we're aware of our struggles, our neighbors' flaws don't seem quite so shocking!

RESPONSE

(vs. 32-36) Jesus tells us to love our enemies—to hope for good and bless them rather than hate them. How does this passage challenge you? Is there anything you need to change about your heart or your actions? Jesus calls us to show the world His gentleness as we seek to live like Him—to love others like He's loved us! Write about it in A Place for Your Thoughts.

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Faith In Unexpected Places

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HISTORY

A "Centurion" was a special kind of Roman soldier who was probably in charge of 100 other soldiers. It seems that he was a "Gentile"—someone who wasn't a part of Israel's family. That means he probably didn't know the Old Testament story or realize very fully that God had promised a Savior was coming! That didn't stop him from trusting Jesus and believing in Him with all he did know! How did Jesus respond to the man's faith? (vs. 9-10).

FACT

FUN (vs. 36-50) In Jesus' day, people didn't eat sitting straight up as we do! They "reclined"—lying on their sides, propped up, facing the table. That's how the woman was able to stand behind Him at His feet. Her tears and the gift of the perfume showed her joy and thankfulness for Jesus' forgiveness! Notice again that the people we expect to worship Jesus often aren't the ones who actually do! (Just like the Centurion!) Jesus welcomes all kinds of people!

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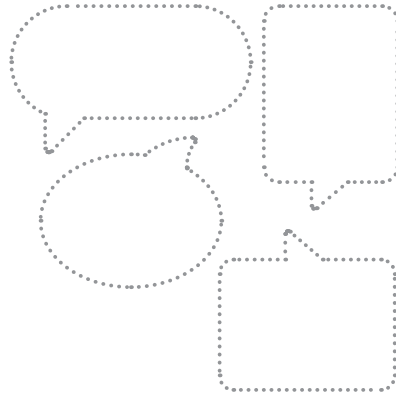
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Jesus Teaches, Heals, And Shows His Power

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In Bible times, over 90% of people made their living by farming! Whoa! Jesus taught people by using stories that they would really GET. Every person who'd sown seed (planted it) would have felt the truth of what Jesus said. Which soil do you think sounds most like you? Why?

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How many miracles of Jesus can you find in chapter 8? Sum up each one in a sentence in *A Place for Your Thoughts*. In each of these miracles, Jesus shows that He's master of something different (for example, nature or sickness). Write what each miracle reveals about Jesus' power. Is there anything in your life that you need to give to Jesus, trusting His power and decisions?



Jesus Reveals His True Identity And His Coming Death

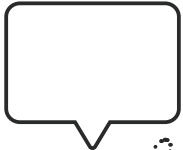
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God had specific timing in mind for Jesus' mission. In v. 20, what amazing thing did God reveal to Peter? What was Jesus' response in v. 21? It seems strange, doesn't it? God was going to send Peter on a life-long mission to tell people about Jesus the Messiah (God's rescuing King). Why not tell them now? Maybe because there were already people plotting to kill Jesus. He may have been trying to keep the news about Himself quiet until the moment that God was ready for Him to go to Jerusalem to offer His life as a sacrifice.

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HIGHLIGHT

(vs. 10-17) Besides the resurrection (rising from the dead) of Jesus, the feeding of the 5,000 is the only miracle that appears in all four gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John)! It was definitely important. This miracle showed both God's power and care for people.



Jesus Trains His Disciples And Tells Powerful Stories

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(vs. 12-15) What is Jesus talking about? The Bible says that there will be a day of Judgment when each person will stand before God. Those who've trusted Jesus and walked with Him in Life will be pardoned (forgiven) and welcomed into God's joy! Those who have ignored and turned away from Jesus will be punished and given what they actually wanted—a "forever" without Him. That's the scariest thing in the world! Here Jesus is naming cities that ignored God's warnings.

HISTORY

(vs. 25-36) The Samaritans and the Jews didn't like each other at all—there had even been fighting between them. Jesus makes the hero of the story someone who would have been looked down on by many of those listening! (FYI: Priests and Levites were highly religious, well-respected people who served in the Jewish temple.) What is the point of the story?

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Jesus' Wise Teachings And Warnings

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Jesus makes a very sad and strong point to the religious leaders in v. 51. He links their hard hearts to those in all the past generations who killed God's messengers instead of listening to them. Abel was the first to be killed. Because of the special way the Old Testament books are arranged, Zechariah is the last one written about, even though he wasn't the last to die. Jesus lists him last. That reminds us that He read from the SAME Old Testament that we do (except ours is in English)! The stories, songs, poems, and prophecies we read are the SAME ones that Jesus, Paul, Luke, Peter, Mark, and John knew, too! They've been carefully copied and passed down.

FACT

FUN

(v. 33) There's a Hebrew idiom (a figure of speech) in which "having a good eye" means having an outlook of compassion (mercy) and generosity. That could be what Jesus is talking about here. When our eyes are open to those who need special care, God's light shines through us. We're loving like He loves! In v. 41, what does Jesus tell them to do?

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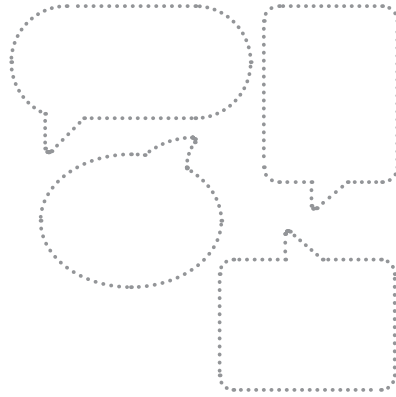
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Jesus Gives Important Instructions And Warnings

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RESPONSE

(vs. 13-34) Jesus tells a set of two parables (teaching stories). What does He want His people to understand? Write about it in *A Place for Your Thoughts*.

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WORTH A NOTE

(vs. 51-53) Jesus definitely ISN'T saying that He delights in families not getting along. He's helping His followers see that there will be many people (maybe even in our own families) who don't believe in or follow Him. When our deepest desire is to please the Lord, that will make us live very differently. We're likely to experience separation, misunderstanding, and even anger from those who don't love God.



Jesus Shows The Way

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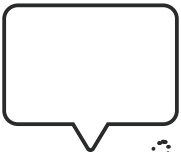
WORTH A NOTE

(vs. 1-8) Jesus' words here sound really harsh. Like a good doctor who's willing to tell someone that they have a dangerous sickness, Jesus is showing the people their sin and the danger it brings. There was still time for them to turn to Him and believe. He was warning them about what would happen if they continued to ignore His offer of forgiveness. They would experience judgment (punishment from God). Unless their hearts changed, they would be given what they wanted in the end—separation forever from King Jesus.

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FIND IT

Read vs. 31-34. There are two parts: the first is Jesus' response to a warning, and the second is Jesus' feelings for the people who are rejecting Him. How would you describe Jesus' heart in each of those? Write about it in *A Place for Your Thoughts*.



Having A Humble Heart And The Cost Of Following Jesus

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HIGHLIGHT

(vs. 7-11) Jesus points out that the humble will be lifted up (exalted), and those who are proud will be brought down. Humble means that you have an accurate view of yourself—you are actually reeeeeeeally small compared to God! It's hard for a proud person (who thinks he's extra important or holy) to come to God because he doesn't think he needs His help or mercy. Jesus tells another story in vs. 15-23 to show how those who were proud in Israel (especially the religious leaders) ignored Jesus' offer of rescue. Ask God to give you a truly humble heart. Ask Him to show you if there are ways in which your heart has become proud or hard.

FUN FACT

(v. 25) Jesus doesn't mean that we aren't supposed to love our families. He's making a dramatic statement to help us see how MUCH we should love God— much MORE than anything else!

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Seeking And Finding: Stories About God Loving Those Who Are Lost

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Read vs. 11-31. How do you expect the father to treat the son when he returns? How do you expect the older brother to respond? What actually happens? Why do you think the Father acted the way that He did? Write about it in *A Place for Your Thoughts*. (Did you notice that the younger brother in the story is like "the tax collectors and sinners" in v 2. The older brother is like the Pharisees and other religious leaders who grumbled about the "sinners".)

PICK ONE

In chapter 15, Jesus tells three stories to show how much He cares about every single person that's lost (who doesn't believe Him or know Him). Which of the three stories stands out most to you? Write about what you learn in *A Place for Your Thoughts*. If you believed that God was seeking YOU like that, how would you feel?

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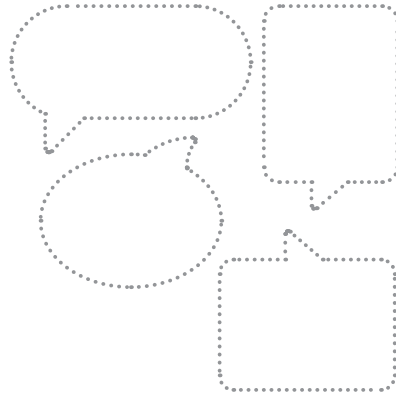
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Jesus Teaches And Gives Warnings Through Stories (Parables)

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(vs. 19-31) Again we see Jesus tell a story of how He will lift up those who are humble (those who know they need God) and bring down (or judge) those who are proud. Luke also uses this story to highlight the need to believe and turn to Jesus right NOW while we still can.

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RESPONSE

Verses 1-9 tells a story that's a little hard to understand. One thought on its meaning is that Jesus is giving an example of someone who used money for a strategic purpose. Now read vs. 10-13. How would you sum up what Jesus says? What does this teach you about how to look at the things that God has entrusted to you (put into your hands for a time)? Is there anything you have that you wouldn't be willing to use for God's purposes? Write about it in *A Place for Your Thoughts*. Last Thing: How did some people respond to this teaching (v. 14)?



Seeing The Kingdom Of God: Forgiveness, Healing, Instructions

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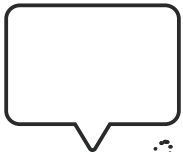
HIGHLIGHT

(vs. 3-4) Jesus calls us to forgive generously because we've been forgiven generously BY HIM. Forgiveness doesn't mean saying that a person didn't do something wrong, making an excuse for them, trying to forget what they did, or letting them do it over and over again. It means choosing to do for them like Jesus has done for you—not to treat them as their sins deserve, and not to hold their sin over their head. Forgiveness is like canceling a "debt." Ask God to show you if there's anyone you need to forgive right now. Sometimes we have to forgive many times!

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(vs. 11-17) How many people were healed? How many thanked the One who made them whole? Make a list of things for which you want to thank Jesus. Write it in *A Place for Your Thoughts*.



Jesus Teaches About Seeking God And Helps A Blind Man See

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(vs. 35-42) Take a moment to read the story and then retell it in your own words. What did the man shout to Jesus? What was his response when people tried to make him be quiet? Why do you think he kept on shouting? What did he call Jesus? "The Son of David" was a term of respect, but it applied most deeply to the Messiah (God's rescuing King). In what ways do you need Jesus the Rescuer to have mercy (compassion) on you? Look back at the first story in this chapter. What does it have in common with this story?

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(vs. 1-14) Jesus tells two stories in these verses. Pick one and write about the lesson Jesus was teaching through it.

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The King Comes To His City (Jerusalem)

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RESPONSE

(vs. 37-40) What did the Pharisees tell Jesus to do? Why do you think they tried to get Him to make His followers be quiet? The people were quoting Psalm 118 to praise Jesus as God's Messiah (rescuing King)! The Pharisees didn't believe, so they wanted the people to stop immediately! What does Jesus say? It's a vivid word picture that shows how important it is for God's people to recognize who He truly is and praise Him! It's right that we publicly love God and honor Him! What do you want to praise God for today? It could be something you want to thank Him for doing, something you love about His character or the hope you have in Him.

HISTORY

(v. 35) This was an ancient way of showing honor to a King! (See also 2 Kings 9:13.)

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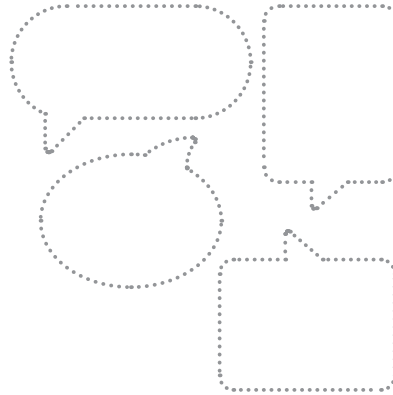
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Jesus Wisely Handles Those Who Are Against Him

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(vs. 1-8) What is Jesus doing in v. 1? The religious leaders questioned His right to share the good news that He had come to save. How did Jesus deal with the situation? He's so wise! Jesus didn't yell or act defensive or scared. He asked them a question that He knew would go right to the heart of their purposes. Even today, there may be people who don't want us to say that Jesus forgives people. They may tell us we don't have any right (or power) to do that. We can look to Jesus' example of courage. We can ask Him to help us be as kind and respectful, clear and wise, as He was here. Ask God to show you if there's someone with whom you need to share the good news! (Fun Fact: In v.17, Jesus quoted the same Psalm about Himself (Psalm 118) that the people sang in chapter 19!)



Jesus' Prepares His Friends (Including Us) For The Future

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RESPONSE

(vs. 5-36) Matthew and Mark also record this conversation between Jesus and His disciples. Jesus is talking about two layers in one picture. He's warning them that their city will soon be destroyed (in A.D. 70 by the Romans), and He gives them instructions about what to do. He's also preparing them (and us) for what it will be like leading up to the moment He returns as the King! What are some things that stand out to you from His words? Write about it in *A Place for Your Thoughts*. How does reading this passage make you feel? These words are intended for comfort, and also to stir us up to stay faithful. Jesus wants His people to know that the world is never out of His control (even when it looks scary)! He is with us! We can take courage, knowing that when these things happen, the redemption (setting-right) of everything is coming (v. 28)!

WORTH A NOTE

(vs. 1-3) What do you learn about how God looks at our gifts to Him?

A place for thoughts *(write or draw)*

This story inspired me to...



Jesus' Loves And Obeys In His Betrayal, Arrest, And Trial

SUMMARY *(write or draw)*

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HIGHLIGHT

(vs. 39-46) How would you describe what Jesus is feeling? What does Jesus pray? Does He want to go to the cross? He doesn't. But what He wants even more than being released from it is for God's good and perfect plan to be fulfilled. He wants to honor God and to save us! Spend a moment thanking Jesus for loving us so deeply that He would suffer for our sake. We can also learn to pray as Jesus did—to be honest with God about what we long for and tell Him that we want what *He wants* even more. We can even ask Him to **HELP US** want what He wants or to help us see our lives as He sees them.

WHAT STOOD OUT

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FAV WORDS



A place for thoughts *(write or draw)*

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FIND IT

(v. 2 and vs. 54-62)
What did fear move the people in these two situations to do? Proverbs 19:25 says that "the fear of man is a snare" (a trap). How do you see that coming true in this story?



The Sacrifice Of Love Is Given: Jesus' Death

SUMMARY *(write or draw)*

WHAT STOOD OUT

FAV WORDS

BACKSTORY

Read vs. 1-3. In v. 3, what do the religious leaders accuse Jesus of doing or saying? Why would they think He said He was a king? Look back at Luke 22:67-70. Jesus calls Himself the "Son of Man." That title is from Daniel 7—it shows a heavenly person who rules over EVERYTHING with great glory forever! In 22:70, Jesus is called "Son of God." That was a title for the King! Now read Luke 23:3. Was what they said true? In one way, yes! Jesus did claim to be King (because He is!), but Jesus' kingdom isn't like the ones in this world! Even Pilate could see that Jesus wasn't thinking about overthrowing Caesar (v. 4). Look back at 20:20-26 if you want to see what He said about taxes. Notice: What title did they put above Jesus' cross (v. 38)? They didn't believe it, *but it was true!*

RESPONSE

A place for thoughts *(write or draw)*

There are many beautiful details in vs. 26-49. Write about what you notice in *A Place for Your Thoughts*. How did Jesus treat people in His last moments? What were His last words? How did people respond to Him/His death? What happened to the temple curtain and in the environment?

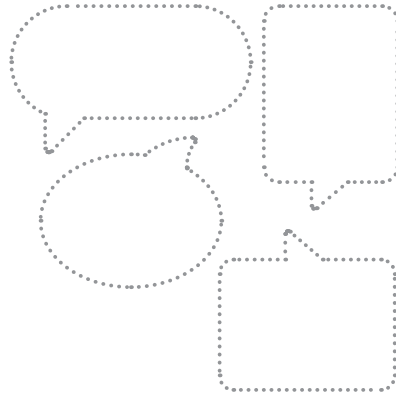
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He Lives!!! Jesus Rises From The Grave, Sees His Disciples

SUMMARY *(write or draw)*

FAV WORDS



PICK ONE

This is such a joyful chapter! Which of the stories stands out to you most? Why do you love that story? Write about it in *A Place for Your Thoughts*. What do you notice about the risen Jesus? What does He talk about? Who does He visit? What can He do? 1 Corinthians 15 tells us that if we belong to Jesus, we'll one day have resurrected bodies like His! We'll be alive with Him forever!

A place for thoughts *(write or draw)*

WHAT STOOD OUT

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HISTORY

The books of Luke and Acts are a two-volume set! In the last chapter of Luke, we see Jesus giving the disciples a new understanding (vs. 45-46), a new calling (vs. 47-48), and the promise of new help (v. 49) to do what He was sending them to do! This sets up the beginning of Acts! Luke ends with such joy and hope! Praise Jesus for all He's done! Thank the Lord for preserving these Scriptures for us to live by, learn from, and love Him through!

