

# THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

THE ROAD TO JERUSALEM (PART 2)

## THE CLASH OF KINGDOMS

LUKE 14:1-19:44

An invitation to  
the heart of the  
Kingdom.

LUKE 14:1-24

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# The gospel of Luke: *recap*

## Summary of Luke sermon series part 1. Luke 1-9:51

In the first part of Luke we explored John's portrayal of John the Baptist and Jesus as the fulfilment of the story of Israel and God's promises. We then watched Jesus launch His mission and bring the good news to the poor among Israel. We have also explored how His kingdom is upside down and a reversal of all this world's social values

## Summary of Luke sermon series part 2. Luke 9:51 - 13:10-35

These three chapters focus on God's Kingdom perspective. Jesus invites His followers to a Kingdom mindset, Kingdom values and into the life of the Kingdom. Across these three chapters Jesus converses with a wide range of people; inviting them to see reality at a deeper level or with a Kingdom perspective.

## Summary of Luke series part 3. Luke 14-19

Chapters 14-19 mark the final stage of the road to Jerusalem in which Jesus continues to teach about the nature of following him, what it means to be a disciple living for and in His Kingdom. Jesus continues to predict His imminent death which is ultimately the means by which we enter the Kingdom and become followers of Jesus. Each story and interaction continues to redefine His followers understanding of reality and invites them to embrace and live by His Kingdom values. These chapters reach a climax as Jesus enters into Jerusalem on a donkey's colt to the accolades of the crowd who will in a short space of time turn on Him and demand His crucifixion.

# The gospel of Luke: *intro*

The final stage of the Road to Jerusalem sees increasing tension between Jesus and all who oppose Him. Jesus is the King who brings His Kingdom with power, authority and a perfect rule. The pharisees, teachers of the law and many others oppose Jesus and create barriers for anyone who would follow Him.

Through a series of conversations, parables and miracles Jesus reveals the heart of His Kingdom, one in which all are invited to turn to Jesus, place their faith in Him and embrace his Kingdom values.

Jesus reveals the false economy of placing confidence in organized religion, in trusting in wealth, self-righteousness and values of the world. He does this by peeling back the layers of the Pharisees and individual belief systems and speaking the truth of the heart of His Kingdom.

As hearers of the gospel we now have to choose our response; will we listen to and respond to Jesus' invitation to follow him, place our faith in Him and live by His Kingdom values.

This section of Luke particularly addresses the escalation of the clash of two Kingdoms, the reality of the human heart affected by sin and the urgency of responding to Jesus and all He has, is and will do to establish His Kingdom on earth.

# ***The gospel of Luke: dates***

**September 15 Luke 14:1-24**

**September 22 Luke 14:25-35**

**September 29 Luke 15: 1-32**

**October 6 Luke 16:1-13**

**October 13 Luke 16:14-31**

**October 20 Luke 17:1-19**

**October 27 Luke 17:20 – 37**

**November 3 Luke 18: 1-17**

**November 10 Luke18: 18 – 42**

**November 17 Luke 19:1-10**

**November 24 Luke 19:11-27**

**December 1 Luke 19 :28-43**

# **Sermon notes (Luke 14:1-24)**

# Luke 14:1-24

## The Great Invitation

Jesus says the blessed who eat at the feast of the kingdom of God are not those who allow material goods or family to deter them from responding to the call to the kingdom. The poor and even the Gentiles may talk sentimentally about the blessings of the kingdom, but those who refuse the invitation will not enter the kingdom.

### Open in prayer

### Opening question

**What is the best invite/invitation you have received?**

### Read scripture

**Have someone read 14:1-24**

### Provide opportunity to share

**What were the main truths you heard from the message on Sunday?**

### Use the following questions to guide your discussions

**What did Jesus ask the Pharisees after healing the man with dropsy?**

**Why did He ask this question?**

**Explain Jesus' response in verse 5. What does He want the pharisees to understand?**

**What does the parable of the wedding feast teach us about kingdom values and how they contrast with societal values?**

**How does the parable of the banquet expand on the parable of the wedding feast?**

**Who are the invited guests? What excuses do they make? Who eventually comes?**

**What does this parable teach us about the Kingdom? What barriers hinder people from entering? What enables people to get in?**

**Describe the amount effort and initiative that goes into this invitation vs the response.**

# **Sermon notes (14:25-35)**



# Luke 14:25-35

## The Cost of Being a Disciple

Large crowds were traveling with Jesus and turning to them He said: “If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple.

### Open in prayer

### Opening question

**How much did your first car cost? What was the most expensive thing you have bought?**

### Read scripture

**Have someone read 14:25-35**

### Provide opportunity to share

**What were the main truths you heard from the message on Sunday?**

### Use the following questions to guide your discussions

**What does Jesus say to the crowds about family? What does He mean by ‘hate’ in this context?**

**How should our relationship with Jesus define all our relationships?**

**How does Jesus use the analogy of building to illustrate his point?**

**How is verse 33 illustrated by the family, cross and war stories in the previous verse?**

**How is salt a good analogy for Jesus' final point about listening and discipleship?**

**In summary what kingdom values are taught? Why such a tough talk from Jesus?**

**What has it cost you to follow Jesus? What does it look like to prioritize Jesus and his mission in your life?**

# **Sermon notes (15: 1-32)**

# Luke 15: 1-32

## God's heart for the lost

Jesus tells a series of parables of things that were lost then found. He does this in response to the complaint from the Pharisees that Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. He does this to show the Pharisees that his purpose is not to go after the righteous but those who are lost.

## Open in prayer

## Opening question

**When did you leave home for the first time? Did you ever run away from home?**

## Read scripture

**Have someone read 15:1-32**

## Provide opportunity to share

**What were the main truths you heard from the message on Sunday?**

## Use the following questions to guide your discussions

**Why were the Pharisees and teachers of the law grumbling?**

**What happens when a shepherd returns to his home and flock after finding a lost sheep?**

**How does heaven react when a sinner repents?**

**What steps did the woman take to find her lost coin?**

**What did the woman do when she finally found the lost coin?**

**What did the younger son ask his father to do?**

**What did the younger son do after arriving in the distant country?**

**What made the younger son decide to return home?**

**How did the father respond to the younger son's return home?**

**How do these three parables answer the Pharisees objection in verse 2 ?**

**If you had to compare yourself to the two brothers in this story which one are you most like ?**

**What does this parable teach us about sin, repentance and the love of God?**

## **Sermon notes (16:1-13)**

# Luke 16:1-13

## The parable of the shrewd manager

“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?”

## Open in prayer

## Opening question

**Who in your family is best at budgeting?**

## Read scripture

**Have someone read Luke 16:1-13**

## Provide opportunity to share

**What were the main truths you heard from the message on Sunday?**

## Use the following questions to guide your discussions

**Who is Jesus addressing this parable to? Why is this important?**

**What crisis does the manager find himself in? What does he say to himself? What plan did he come up with?**

**Even though the manager is dishonest, why is he commended ?**

**How does Jesus summarize this parable in verse 9?**

**What is Jesus commending here?**

**What is the problem with trying to serve two masters?**

**Who is listening to this parable? Why does this parable speak to them?**

**What Kingdom reality is Jesus inviting us to embrace? (v11)**



# **Sermon notes (16:14-31)**

# Luke 16:14-31

## The rich man and Lazarus

Jesus tells the iconic story, contrasting the life and consequences of the rich man and Lazarus. Jesus emphasizes the significance of placing your trust in wealth over God and the urgency of repenting and turning to God in faith.

### Open in prayer

### Opening question

**What do you find security in? In whom or what do you trust most?**

### Read scripture

**Have someone read Luke 16:14-31**

### Provide opportunity to share

**What were the main truths you heard from the message on Sunday?**

### Use the following questions to guide your discussions

**How do the lives of the rich man and Lazarus compare on earth? How do they compare after death?**

**What requests does the rich man make of Abraham? How does Abraham respond?**

**How did Jesus describe the rich man in the story?**

**What difference did the rich man's wealth make in his eternal destiny?**

**What does this parable reveal about heaven and hell?**

**What did the rich man think was necessary to convince his brothers to believe?**

**What is Jesus' point in this parable?**

**What warnings does Jesus lay out for us in this parable?**

## **Sermon notes (17:1-19)**

# Luke 17:1-19

## Sin, Faith, Duty

Jesus gives a dire warning to anyone who causes others to sin then builds on this by saying we must be people ready to forgive any who sin against us. The conversation then pivots to power of having faith as small as a mustard seed followed by the duties of the servants of Jesus.

## Jesus Heals Ten Men with Leprosy

Jesus heals ten men with leprosy, questions the lack of response from the nine and responds to the one with the statement, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

## Open in prayer

## Opening question

**As kids, who got into trouble the most? Who was the most responsible?**

## Read scripture

**Have someone read Luke 17:1-19**

## Provide opportunity to share

**What were the main truths you heard from the message on Sunday?**

## Use the following questions to guide your discussions

**In his view of stumbling blocks to sin, is Jesus a realist... or an idealist? Explain your answer?**

**What are we to watch? Why?**

**Which takes more perseverance; endlessly being our brother's keeper or endlessly forgiving?**

**What do verses 7-10 say about the attitude Jesus followers should have in serving Him?**

**How are the lepers healed? What is Jesus' part? What is their part ?**

**What does Jesus ask in verses 17-18? Why does He ask this?**

**What does this story reveal to us about Jesus?**

**Who are the lepers in your community? How would you feel about having one of these people over for dinner?**

# **Sermon notes (17:20-37)**

# Luke 17:20-37

## The Coming of the Kingdom of God

The pharisees ask Jesus about the coming of the Kingdom of God, Jesus responds by saying it is, in 'your midst,' then goes on to explain arrival of God's Kingdom in fullness at the second coming of Christ will be clear for all to see.

### Open in prayer

### Opening question

**Who in your group has had the most speeding tickets?**

### Read scripture

**Have someone read Luke 17:20-37**

### Provide opportunity to share

**What were the main truths you heard from the message on Sunday?**

## Use the following questions to guide your discussions

**In answering the Pharisees' question, what does Jesus say about the Kingdom ?**

**What did Jesus mean by 'one of the days of the Son of man'?**



**Why would the disciples long for the end times? Do you long for the return of Jesus?**

**When rumors arise, how should they respond?**

**What aspects of this future time are illustrated in 30-35 ?**

**How should the suddenness of that future day be anticipated?**

**How should the person who is in the 'Kingdom of God' and 'waiting for the Son of man' live?**

# **Sermon notes (Luke 18:1-17)**

# Luke 18:1-17

## The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

Jesus tells a contrasting parable emphasizing the self-righteousness of a Pharisee and the humility a tax collector; Jesus is revealing the heart attitude needed to approach God.

## The Little Children and Jesus

Jesus models and teaches that only those with childlike faith can enter the Kingdom

### Open in prayer

### Opening question

**Growing up what strategy did you most use to get what you wanted from your parents?**

### Read scripture

**Have someone read Luke 18:1-17**

### Provide opportunity to share

**What were the main truths you heard from the message on Sunday?**

### Use the following questions to guide your discussions

**What was Jesus' purpose in telling His disciples this parable?**

**How did Jesus describe the judge in the story?**

**How does Jesus sum up the parable (v 6-8)?**

**When unsure if you are praying in Gods will, how do you proceed?**

**How do the pharisees and the tax collectors see themselves before God? Who is justified before God? Why?**

**What religious practices do you secretly take pride in ?**

**How could you be more like a child in your spiritual life?**

# **Sermon notes (Luke 18:18-42)**

# Luke 18:18-42

## The Parable of the Persistent Widow

### The Rich and the Kingdom of God:

Jesus engages a young ruler in a conversation about wealth and teaches about Kingdom perspective toward wealth and the barriers it causes in entering the Kingdom.

### Jesus Predicts His Death a Third Time:

Jesus points to the ultimate reason for his coming to earth and reminds his follower that his time is near.

**A Blind Beggar Receives His Sight:** Jesus heals a blind man and tells him, receive your sight; your faith has healed you.

## Open in prayer

## Opening question

**If you had to give up one luxury in your home what would be the first and last thing you would give up?**

## Read scripture

**Have someone read Luke 18:18-42**

## Provide opportunity to share

**What were the main truths you heard from the message on Sunday?**

## **Use the following questions to guide your discussions**

**What did the ruler ask Jesus?**

**What does the wording of the ruler's question reveal about his attitude?**

**How did Jesus respond to the ruler's question?**

**What commandment does Jesus emphasize with the rich young ruler?**

**What does Jesus say about riches and the Kingdom? (v24-25)**

**Why is it so difficult for the rich to enter the Kingdom?**

**What would Jesus put His finger on in your life as an idol?**

**How would you respond if He said this thing must go?**

## **Sermon notes (Luke 19:1-10)**



# Luke 19:1-10

## Zacchaeus the Tax Collector

Zacchaeus, an unlikely convert and social a outcast finds a way to meet Jesus then responds in faith. Jesus proclaims, ‘Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham.’

### Open in prayer

### Opening question

**What was your favorite tree to climb as a kid? Did you ever build a tree house ?**

### Read scripture

**Have someone read Luke 19:1-10**

### Provide opportunity to share

What were the main truths you heard from the message on Sunday?

### Use the following questions to guide your discussions

**Why does Jesus want to dine with Zachaeus? Why does this bother others ?**

**How does this rich sinner differ from the rich ruler? (Luke 18:18-30).**

**Where did Jesus first find you?**

**What reputation did Zacchaeus have in Jericho?**

**What changes did Zacchaeus make in his life in response to Jesus' interest in him?**

**How had salvation come to Zacchaeus' house?**

**How is the concluding verse of this passage significant?**

# Sermon notes (Luke 19:11-27)

# Luke 19:11-27

## The parable of the ten Minas

“He replied, ‘I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given, but as for the one who has nothing, even what they have will be taken away. But those enemies of mine who did not want me to be king over them—bring them here and kill them in front of me.’”

## Open in prayer

## Opening question

**If you had \$50,000 to invest, what would you do? Bank the cash? Start a small business?**

## Read scripture

**Have someone read Luke 19:11-27**

## Provide opportunity to share

**What were the main truths you heard from the message on Sunday?**

## Use the following questions to guide your discussions

**For what reason did Jesus choose to tell this parable?**

**What false expectations did Jesus’ followers have?**

**In the parable, why did the man of noble birth go to a distant country?**

**Whom do the king, the servants, and the subjects represent in this parable?**

**How does this parable speak to the misconception of verse 11?**

**What talents and resources has Jesus given you?**

**How do you seek to diligently use these talents?**

## **Sermon notes (Luke 19:28-43)**

# Luke 19:28-43

## The entrance into Jerusalem

This text describes Jesus' seemingly anticlimactic entrance into Jerusalem on a donkey's colt. This entrance signifies the end of the long journey to Jerusalem and near arrival of Jesus' death on a cross. The crowds welcome Jesus with high praise which days later will turn to calls for his crucifixion.

## Open in prayer

## Opening question

**Have you ever been to a big parade? Which part did you appreciate/did you find most amusing?**

## Read scripture

**Have someone read Luke 19:28-43**

## Provide opportunity to share

**What were the main truths you heard from the message on Sunday?**

## Use the following questions to guide your discussions

**Where did the events of this story take place?**

**What specific instructions did Jesus give to two of His disciples?**

**What does the crowd do and shout as Jesus enters? Why is this significant? (Zech 9:9, Matt 21:1-11, Mark 11:1-11, John 12:12-19).**

**Judging by His mode of transport, what type of Messiah is Jesus?**

**Why do the pharisees want to silence the disciples?**

**How does Jesus feel about the people in this city? V41-44?**

**What does Jesus reveal about the future of Israel (v44)?**

**What does the way you respond to, engage with Jesus show you about your expectations of him?**