

Lesson III – Jesus, the Messiah – Luke 5:12-7:10

Review:

- John the Baptist at Work (Luke 3:1-20)
- The Baptism of Jesus (Luke 3:21-22)
- 40 Days in the Wilderness (Luke 4:1-13)
- Hometown Visit to Nazareth (Luke 4:14-30)
- Healing and Preaching (Luke 4:31-44)
- Miraculous Catch of Fish (Luke 5:1-11)

Theme Verse:

“But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—He said to the man who was paralyzed—“I say to you, rise, pick up your bed and go home.” Luke 5:24



Bible Study:

Jesus Heals a Leper

Read: **Luke 5:12–15**

1. Mention other examples of lepers who were cured (see 2 Kings 5; Luke 17:11–19). Why do we speak of sin as spiritual leprosy? How are we cleansed from it?
2. Why did Jesus send the healed leper to the priest (see Leviticus 14)? What does God expect of us after He has bestowed material blessings upon us?

Jesus Cares for Soul and Body

Read: **Luke 5:17–26**

1. Why is forgiveness of sins more important than anything else? How does Jesus assure us that our sins are forgiven?
2. What did Jesus prove by this miracle? What effect did it have on the people and the paralytic? (see Daniel 7:13–14 for “Son of Man”)

The Call of Levi

Read: **Luke 5:27–39**

1. What service did Levi, as Matthew, later render to the Church?
2. What reason do believers have to be joyful and happy?
 - a. (Romans 5:1; Philippians 4:4)

A Journey through the Gospel of Luke

Jesus, Lord of the Sabbath

Read: **Luke 6:1–11**

1. Why did David not commit a sin when he ate the showbread?
 - a. (Leviticus 24:5–9; 18:5; 1 Samuel 21:6)
2. How do we sin by neglecting to do a necessary good deed? (see Luke 16:20–25)
3. What miracle did Jesus perform on a Sabbath?
4. What effect did this have on the Pharisees (v. 11)?
5. What lesson do we learn from Jesus in this incident? (Luke 10: 28; 36-37; Matthew 12:5; Colossians 2:16-17)

The Calling of the Apostles

Read: **Luke 6:12–16**

1. Compare the list in Luke 6:14–16 with Acts 1:13. Who does not appear in the later list? Why?
2. What man was chosen later as the twelfth apostle (Acts 1:26)?
3. What great apostle, called later, was not one of the Twelve (Acts 9:1–15)?
4. The apostles were the first ministers in the Church. How does Christ choose His ministers today?

Apostle:	Other names:	Reference(s):
Peter	Simon	John 1:36–42
Andrew		John 1:36–42
John	Son of Zebedee	Luke 9:54; Acts 12:2
James	Son of Zebedee	Luke 9:54; Acts 12:2
Philip		John 1:43–45
Bartholomew	Nathaniel	John 1:47
Matthew	Levi	Luke 5:27; Matthew 9:9
Thomas	Didymus, "Twin"	John 11:16; 20:28
James	Son of Alphaeus; James the Just; Less	Luke 6:15; Acts 1:13
Simon	Zealot	Luke 6:15
Judas	Thaddaeus	Matthew 10:3
Judas Iscariot	Traitor	John 13:2, 18
Matthias		Acts 1:26
Paul	Saul	Acts 9:1-15; Gal 2:1-10

The Sermon on the Mount

Read: **Luke 6:17–26**

1. Compare the Beatitudes in Luke 6:20–23 with those in Matthew 5:3–12. How many more are there in Matthew? How are the believers described in these additional statements?
2. Why is the ungodly world not able to understand the joy and blessedness of believers?
 - a. (1 Corinthians 2:14; Hebrews 11:6)

Jesus Explains the Law of His Kingdom

Read: **Luke 6:27–42**

1. How does the Golden Rule found in Luke 6:31 (also Matthew 7:12) require much more than avoiding sinful deeds? Why does Jesus place the emphasis on “do” rather than on “Thou shalt not”? (1 John 3:17)
2. Why can unbelievers not fulfill the requirements of the Sermon on the Mount? Why do believers strive to fulfill them (v. 36)?
 - a. (1 John 4:19, 21; 1 Peter 2:4–8; Ephesians 2:19–22)

Jesus Recognizes His Disciples

Read: **Luke 6:43–7:10**

1. What is the foundation on which Christians rest their hope? What is all other ground called?
2. What did the Jews praise about the centurion? What did Jesus praise? Why are both statements important?
 - a. (Luke 7:4–5, 9; Ephesians 2:8–10)

Closing

Some activities this week to grow your faith:

- Inquire how you might offer assistance in a healing ministry either in your congregation or in your community;
- Resolve to bear your cross, whatever it may be, with peace and determination, relying on the Lord’s help;
- **Read Luke 7:11–8:56** to prepare for the next lesson.