

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

(Luke 20 – 24)

This week, we finish the third gospel. The notes for today will only take us to the end of Luke. Midweek, I will send out notes on the first two chapters of John.

ESCALATION

As Luke's gospel propels towards a close, be on the lookout for an escalation of antagonism to Jesus' ministry coming from his enemies: the scribes, elders, chief priests, and Sadducees. Note the contrast between these "anti-disciples" who lack repentance (20:1-8 for example, see 24:47) and persist in their fear of man (19:48; 20:6, 19; 22:2, 6) versus disciples who show varying levels of faith and identification with Jesus. Note that the apostles are not great examples here but rather a centurion, the women, etc., Those whom Luke has had a special interest in.

The "dual" is further escalated when Jesus asks 4 questions of his own: 20:4, 17, 24, 41.

1. What is Jesus doing by making his enemies even more mad? Why doesn't he play nice?

TEMPLE TEACHINGS

Jesus, at the end of his life, is in the temple teaching every day about the kingdom of God (19:47; 20:1; 21:37, see 20:21; 22:11). Even his enemies are privy to hearing the king's terms of peace should they accept them. Little do they know that their malice and murder will be turned into salvation.

2. The king also warns of dangerous days coming for his disciples. What are at least two things he tells them to do as citizens of a heavenly kingdom?

CLIMAX & FULFILLMENT

The cross and resurrection of Christ are the focal point of all Scripture and thus fulfill ancient promises in the OT (22:37; 24:6-8, 25-27, 44-47).

3. What scriptures can you find specifically cited or alluded to in these chapters? A Bible with a good set of cross-references will help out a lot.

4. How much of the Bible does Jesus say points to him in Luke 24? How much more of the Old Testament do we need to be reading!