

11. THE LEADERS WHO WENT THE WRONG WAY

LUKE 22.66 - 23.25

WEEK ENDING 14 APRIL [PASSION SUNDAY]

WIDER READINGS THIS WEEK:

Daniel 7.13-15 Psalm 118.1-14 Philippians 2.5-11

For Thought and Talk

1. Pilate nearly does his job properly. Why doesn't he? Do you find yourself under similar pressure to conform to other people's plans? What solutions have you found?
2. In what ways had Jesus already told them that he was the Messiah? v67
3. Amongst all the mockery and foolishness, Jesus says some very significant things. How would you explain them to an interested not-yet-believer?

12. THE VERY HAPPY EXECUTIONER

LUKE 23.26-49

WEEK ENDING 21 APRIL [EASTER DAY]

WIDER READINGS THIS WEEK:

Isaiah 25.6-9 Psalm 118.15-29 Colossians 3.1-4

For Thought and Talk

1. One of the men on the cross died happy. Would you have been happy with Jesus' promise to him if he had murdered your family (or something else that affected you really badly)?
2. Was Jesus the King of the Jews? How could his death benefit non-Jews?
3. The crowd beat their breasts, the soldier praised God, and those who knew him just watched at a distance. Who was right?

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Jesus at Work



Epiphany & Lenten Studies in Luke's Gospel 2019

Our aim is to see how Jesus interacts with people in their work environment (and some in the ordinary course of their life), to see how Luke tells the stories and what God might have to say to us in our situations

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Week ending

3 February <i>Epiphany 4</i>	<i>The Expert who didn't know everything</i>	Luke 5.1-11
10 February <i>Epiphany 5</i>	<i>The Soldier who knew enough</i>	Luke 7.1-10
17 February <i>Epiphany 6</i>	<i>The Woman who said nothing</i>	Luke 7.36-50
24 February <i>Epiphany 7</i>	<i>The Sister who didn't do housework</i>	Luke 10.38-42
3 March <i>Epiphany 8</i>	<i>The Thankful Foreigner</i>	Luke 17.11-19
10 March <i>Lent 1</i>	<i>The Tycoon who lost an inheritance</i>	Luke 18.18-30
17 March <i>Lent 2</i>	<i>The Beggar who lost his job</i>	Luke 18.35-42
24 March <i>Lent 3</i>	<i>The Financier who was saved</i>	Luke 19.1-10
31 March <i>Lent 4</i>	<i>The Crying King</i>	Luke 19.28-44
7 April <i>Lent 5</i>	<i>The Ambitious Assistants</i>	Luke 22.7-38
14 April <i>Passion Sunday</i>	<i>The Leaders Who Went the Wrong Way</i>	Lk 22.66-23.25
21 April <i>Easter Day</i>	<i>The Very Happy Executioner</i>	Luke 23.26-49

You can use these studies in your private reading;
in prayer groups; in home groups;
and as preparation for Sunday Sermons

The Wider Readings from the OT are mostly key passages in Jeremiah and Ezekiel, and the First Book of Psalms. In the NT we read through the letter to the Colossians.

9. THE CRYING KING

LUKE 19.28-44

WEEK ENDING 31 MARCH [LENT 4]

WIDER READINGS THIS WEEK:

Ezekiel 36.24-32 Psalm 27.1-6 Colossians 2.16-19

For Thought and Talk

1. Why does the colt get so much space in the story?
2. The Pharisees are just doing their job (v39). Or are they?
3. Why does Jesus weep? Is it legitimate to weep over our city? Under what circumstances would that be OK?

10. THE AMBITIOUS ASSISTANTS

LUKE 22.7-38

WEEK ENDING 7 APRIL [LENT 5]

WIDER READINGS THIS WEEK:

Zechariah 9.9-13 Psalm 27.7-14 Colossians 2.20-23

For Thought and Talk

1. In what ways does v29-30 encourage the kind of thinking reported in v24? Why should they (we) not be like that? v26. What ambition could we have?
2. How is Jesus' really big job pictured in this Last Supper? What is it they (we) are to remember?
3. When would Jesus get to eat the Passover and drink wine again? v 16,18

7. THE BEGGAR WHO LOST HIS JOB

LUKE 18.35-42

WEEK ENDING 17 MARCH [LENT 2]

WIDER READINGS THIS WEEK:

Ezekiel 34.11-16 Psalm 23 Colossians 2.6-8

For Thought and Talk

1. What does the man mean by calling Jesus “son of David”?
2. The man and the crowd praised God. What connections between this story and the bigger picture of Jesus’ ministry would you praise God for?
3. What prayers do you think of praying that would result in you having to change jobs if they were answered? Do you pray them? Why?

8. THE FINANCIER WHO WAS SAVED

LUKE 19.1-10

WEEK ENDING 24 MARCH [LENT 3]

WIDER READINGS THIS WEEK:

Ezekiel 34.20-31 Psalm 24 Colossians 2.9-15

For Thought and Talk

1. How is this man like and not like the man in 18.18-30?
2. Why does Jesus claim credit for saving this lost man?
3. In what ways do modern Christians “bend the rules” about gaining and using wealth? How would you advise a modern “lost” wealthy Christian?

1. THE EXPERT WHO DIDN'T KNOW EVERYTHING

LUKE 5.1-11

WEEK ENDING 3 FEBRUARY [EPIPHANY 4]

WIDER READINGS THIS WEEK:

Isaiah 6 Psalm 8 Colossians 1.1-8

For Thought and Talk

1. Was Peter just humouring Jesus (v5)? What might the other disciples have said in reply to Jesus’ suggestion?
2. Why does Peter think he is sinful (v8)? Is it just embarrassment? Why does he want Jesus to keep away from him?
3. Peter’s job is to be “upsized”. Is there any call for what you are good at to be “upsized” in the service of the Master?

2. THE SOLDIER WHO KNEW ENOUGH

LUKE 7.1-10

WEEK ENDING 10 FEBRUARY [EPIPHANY 5]

WIDER READINGS THIS WEEK:

Jeremiah 1.4-12 Psalm 9.7-12 Colossians 1.9-14

For Thought and Talk

1. Why did the Centurion not approach Jesus himself? Was he right in thinking this?
2. What makes the faith of the Centurion so great? On what basis does he think Jesus can heal his servant at a distance?
3. How does your work give you an insight into the work of Jesus?

3. THE WOMAN WHO SAID NOTHING

LUKE 7.36-50

WEEK ENDING 17 FEBRUARY [EPIPHANY 6]

WIDER READINGS THIS WEEK:

Jeremiah 17.5-10 Psalm 11 Colossians 1.15-20

For Thought and Talk

1. Why was the woman crying?
2. Can you see parallels between what the woman did for Jesus and what Jesus did for the woman? What kind of a person would be “forgiven little” (v47)?
3. If you were like this woman now, what would Christians say to you? What would you want them to say to you?

4. THE SISTER WHO DIDN'T DO HOUSEWORK

LUKE 10.38-42

WEEK ENDING 24 FEBRUARY [EPIPHANY 7]

WIDER READINGS THIS WEEK:

Jeremiah 23.1-6 Psalm 15 Colossians 1.21-23

For Thought and Talk

1. How many pots did Martha bang after Jesus replied to her request? Would you have spoken up for her if you had been there? Or would you have gone to help in the kitchen?
2. What was Martha's problem?
3. What was the better thing Mary chose? What things distract you from this choice? What solutions have you found?

5. THE THANKFUL FOREIGNER

LUKE 17.11-19

WEEK ENDING 3 MARCH [EPIPHANY 8]

WIDER READINGS THIS WEEK:

Jeremiah 31.31-34 Psalm 16 Colossians 1.24-29

For Thought and Talk

1. They had to go before they were cleansed. Does God usually work this way? What evidence is there in the Bible?
2. Do you think the leprosy returned on those who didn't give thanks? Why?
3. What are the implications of this story for an unbelieving friend or colleague who wants God's help? How would you guide them?

6. THE TYCOON WHO LOST AN INHERITANCE

LUKE 18.18-30

WEEK ENDING 10 MARCH [LENT 1]

WIDER READINGS THIS WEEK:

Ezekiel 33.7-11 Psalm 19 Colossians 2.1-5

For Thought and Talk

1. Which commandments does Jesus omit? Why do you think he left them out?
2. Which commandments can you see in verse 22? What is Jesus claiming for himself? Is this helpful to the man?
3. What modern solutions to the man's dilemma have Christians thought of? Do you use any of them? Would they have been valid then?