

WHO IS THIS JESUS?

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

WEALTH & POSSESSIONS

Luke 12:13-40, 16:1-17, 18:18-30

STUDY

1. Read Luke 12:13-21 (*cf. Luke 18:18-30*)

- Does Jesus present a primary point in this section? What is it?
- In what ways does the parable address the primary point?
- What is the conclusion of verses 20-21 in reference to the primary point?

2. Read Luke 12:22-31

- Does Jesus present a primary point in this section? What is it?
- In what ways do the examples of ravens and lilies have to do with the primary point?
- What conclusion is made in verse 31? (*cf. Luke 18:29*)

3. Read Luke 12:32-34 (*cf. 1 Timothy 6:17-19*)

- Question: Is this section telling us how to be saved, or how to embrace the Kingdom?
- What practical principle can we derive from verse 34 in relationship to money?

4. Read Luke 12:35-40 (*cf. Luke 16:10-13*)

- How does this section connect to the previous? In what ways does it provide motivation/perspective/support for it?

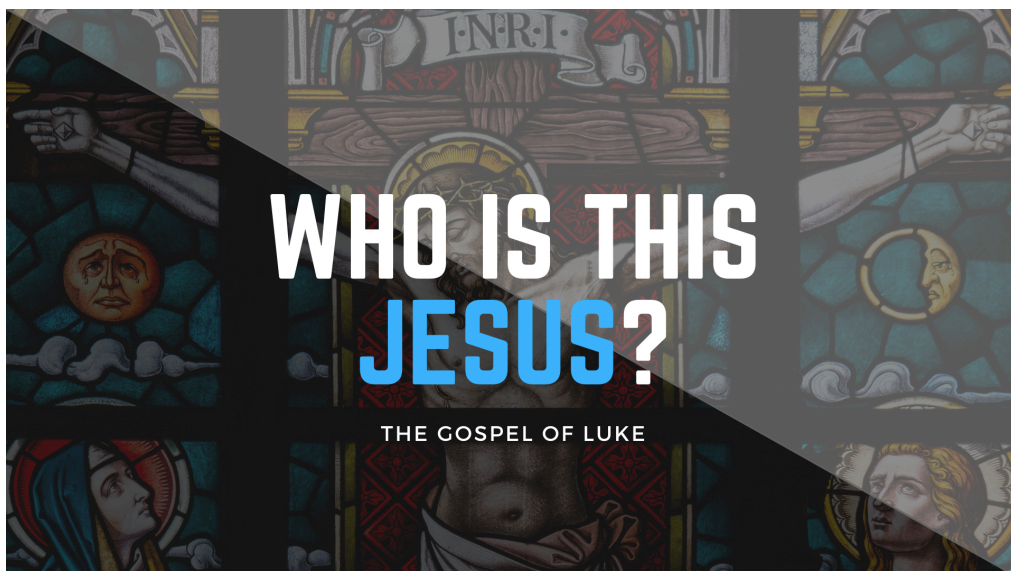
APPLICATION

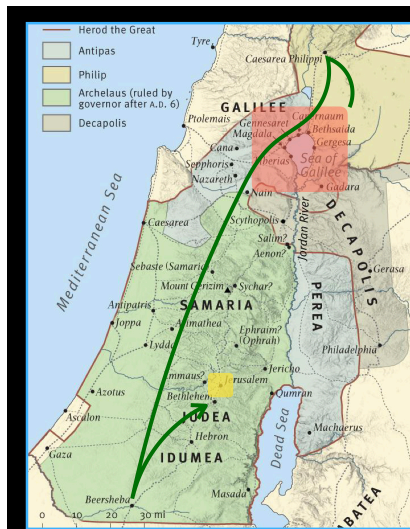
1. In considering the principles that God is addressing here, what has your perspective and convictions been on those principles? *(What does the direction of your life show?)*
2. What areas of your thinking and actions is God challenging? *(Is this topic stirring your emotions in any way?)*

MC LEADERS

1. Remember that MC exists as a family context for growing in Christ and his mission.
2. Remember that the Bible can be somewhat easy to *know*, but much harder to *embrace*.
3. Focus your MC Gathering discussions primarily on insuring that people know what was taught, but also have opportunities to express how it contradicts with their thinking.

PRESENTATION SLIDES





OUTLINE

Introduction **1-2**

Ministry In Galilee **3-9:50**

Road To Jerusalem **9:51-19:27**

Cross And Commission **19:28-24:53**

Luke 12:13-21

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." ¹⁴ But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵ And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." ¹⁶ And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully,

¹⁷ and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' ¹⁸ And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." ' ²⁰ But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹ So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

Warning

vs. 15: *"Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."*

Support

vs. 16-21: *Parable of the Rich Fool*

Luke 18:18-22

¹⁸ And a ruler asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to *inherit* eternal life?"

²² When Jesus heard this [self-righteous response], he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me."

Luke 12:22-34

²² And he said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. ²³ For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing.

²⁴ Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds!

²⁵ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?

²⁶ If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? ²⁷ Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸ But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! ²⁹ And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried.

³⁰ For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you. ³² "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Warning

vs. 22: *"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on."*

Support

vs. 23-30: *The example of the ravens and the lilies*

Response

vs. 31-34: *Seek the Kingdom, through investing in it*

Luke 12:35-40

³⁵ "Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶ and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them.

³⁸ If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! ³⁹ But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

Luke 16:10-13

¹⁰ "One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹¹ If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³ No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."

CONSIDERING THE PRINCIPLE

How does this perspective of Jesus challenge how you view, use and pursue money?

NEXT WEEK'S PASSAGE

Luke 18:15-17, 35-43, 19:1-10