

ST MARK'S SERMON SERIES 2023



STUDIES ON
LUKE 4-9

The Promised One

SERMON NOTES

LUKE 4:14-30

promised & now

1) Have you ever been underestimated by people close to you? How did that make you feel?

2) Read Luke 4:14-15. What outcome are you expecting for this hometown visit?

3) Read Luke 4:16-21. 'Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.' How does Luke use the word 'fulfilled'?
Refer to Luke 24:44.

4) Read Isaiah 61:1-3. What is being promised?

5) How does Jesus fulfill this promise? (Refer to Luke 6:17-24).

6) Who can expect to receive the LORD's favour?

7) Read Luke 4:22-30. How do you account for the change in tone from vs 22 to vs 28? What happened?

8) Who would consider themselves most likely to receive the LORD's favour? What is so shocking about Jesus' words in Vs 24-27?

9) Who did Jesus come for?

10) Given the chance, this crowd would have killed Jesus then and there, in his home town. What leads to people's angry responses toward Jesus today?

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LUKE 5:1-11

Promised Bounty

1) Who do you follow on the news or on social media, and why?

6) How does Peter respond to Jesus' call?

2) Why were people following Jesus? (See Luke 4:40-44)

7) What led to such a dramatic transformation?

3) Read Luke 5:1-11. Who is the fishing expert?

8) In what ways do you see yourself like Peter?

4) As a result of his encounter with Jesus, what does Simon Peter come to realise?

9) What does it mean to follow Jesus in being a "fisher of people"? (v10)

5) What does this tell us about the types of people Jesus calls to himself?

10) Share a testimony of how God's grace compelled you to fish for people.

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LUKE 6:17-26

Promised Renewal

1) Why is waiting for things so difficult? Think of waiting in a restaurant; on the phone to customer service or; in traffic.

2) Read Mark 6:17-19. Describe this crowd. What did they want from Jesus?

3) Read Luke 6:20-26. Who is in the better temporal position? Who is in the better eternal position?

4) '... yours is the kingdom of God.' What does this mean?

5) What is the Scriptural meaning of being 'blessed'? How does that compare to the common usage of the word? (Refer to Numbers 6:24-26).

6) Jesus teaches in a radical way. He reverses the meaning of 'blessed' and 'cursed'. What does this show about Jesus' priorities?

7) In what ways is Jesus preparing his disciples for what they are about to face?

8) How would a rich person respond to this passage?

9) How does this realign our goals and strivings?

10) How does this passage change your understanding of heaven?

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LUKE 7:11-17

Provisioned & Help

1) How have you experienced cold comfort from others in the face of suffering?

2) Read Luke 7:11-17. Draw the woman's family tree.

3) How would the woman have felt and thought about her situation?

4) Read verse 13. What do we learn about Jesus from his immediate response to the woman's loss?

5) Read verse 14-15. How does Jesus' actions compare with that of Elijah (1 Kings 17:17-24) and Elisha (2 Kings 4:31-35)?

6) What did the people infer from this resurrection miracle? (V16)

7) How do we reconcile Jesus' power to raise the dead and His inability to save himself? (See Luke 23:35-43)

8) What does Jesus' suffering even unto death reveal about God's response to suffering?

9) Is it appropriate to tell a fellow believer not to cry in the face of suffering and loss?

10) How does the gospel transform the way we approach suffering in our own lives?

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LUKE 7:36-50

promised forgiveness

1) Think of a person whom you consider least likely to be saved. Why would you be amazed by their conversion?

2) Read John 7:33-35. On what basis did the crowd judge Jesus?

3) Read John 7:36-38. What is the woman demonstrating?

4) Read Luke 8:39. Describe the awkwardness of the situation?

5) How do the Pharisees explain Jesus' passive response?

6) How can sin socially define a person? Should it?

7) Read Luke 7:40-43. What does Jesus teach about gratefulness?

8) How does personal awareness of sin prepare a person for forgiveness?

9) Read Luke 7:44-50. What does Jesus criticise Simon for? Is this fair (He had invited him to dinner)?

10) What did Jesus give the woman? What does this teach about Jesus' identity?

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LUKE 8:22-25

Promised Salvation

1) When was the last time you had that “sinking feeling”? How did you respond?

6) What does the sea’s response to Jesus tell us about who Jesus is? (Compare with Psalm 104:1-9)

2) Read Luke 8:22-25. What danger did Jesus and his disciples face?

7) How should the disciples have responded differently in the face of danger?

3) What were their respective postures to that danger?

8) What is the faith that Jesus has in view?

4) Why did they respond the way they did?

9) Is it due to a lack of faith, that we sometimes don’t experience deliverance?

5) How did Jesus deal with the threat of the storm?

10) How does knowing Jesus shape the way you face whatever danger or disaster that might come your way?

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LUKE 9:51-62

Promised Kingdom

1) What hinders people from following Jesus?

2) Read Luke 9:21, 9:30-31 and 9:51. What is surprising about vs 51?

3) Read Luke 9:52-56. Why would the Samaritans not welcome Jesus?

4) How did the disciples misread the situation? Who do they think they are?

5) Read Luke 9:57-62. Why does Jesus paint an unpleasant picture of what it means to follow him?

6) The people in this story accept Jesus' call to follow him but want to do things before they leave. Do their requests seem reasonable? How does Jesus respond to their requests?

7) Why would 'looking back' make someone unfit for service in the kingdom of God? How does Luke 9:23-24, help explain what Jesus is saying here?

8) How does this passage help explain the way people respond to Jesus? (Luke 4:29, 5:30, 7:39, 9:53, 12:21) How are they looking back? How do they compare to the disciples in Luke 5:11?

9) What causes you to 'look back'?

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