

The Gospel of Luke—

It does us well to note the depth of resolution that Jesus lived with in this last section of Luke. These chapters of this narrative display with vivid detail Jesus, the Man, living out the mission which He came to accomplish on earth. As you read and study, note His calmness and His fixed determination. It is wonderful to think that as He endured the shame, betrayal and the suffering; that He had an eternal purpose which none of the people around Him, whether friend or foe, seemed to have the ability to see. He was God in the form of a man and He was here on earth for a purpose. These last chapters of Luke close this gospel leaving one who reads and studies them with a heart fixed on God, encouraged greatly to know that the He became a man and dwelt among us! It stamps on our minds His wonderful example of love and sacrifice, while at the same time, stirs within us a longing to continue with Him in steadfast love and patience.

Helpful Study Links:

Additional Commentary: (Great Resource!)
http://preceptaustin.org/luke_commentaries.htm

Sermon Links:

“The Mission of the Son of Man” by Charles Spurgeon
<http://www.biblebb.com/files/spurgeon/0204.htm>

“Christ’s Agony ” Lk 22:44 by Jonathan Edwards
<http://www.biblebb.com/files/edwards/JE-agony.htm>

“Beginning at Jerusalem” Lk 24:47 by Charles Spurgeon
<http://www.biblebb.com/files/spurgeon/BEGINJER.TXT>

We wanted to provide you a simple timeline of the final week of Jesus. Seeking to put together the four gospels and getting a good perspective of the last week of Christ is an interesting and rewarding work. Yet, not everyone who does so agrees on the exact timing. Below is Pastor Jim's attempt and perspective. We make no claim that this is the correct timeline and that others are wrong – it is simply the way that we piece it together. When it is all said and done, the main thing is that these events *did* happen – not *when* they happened. Yet, we hope that seeing where your reading in Luke fits in will be most helpful to you as you seek to better picture the last week of Christ.

Friday: 8th of First Month – April 4th, 32 AD

Anointing at Bethany - Mark 14:3-9; Mat 26:6-13; John 12:2-8

Sunday: 10th of First Month - April 6, 32 AD

Matt 21:1-11;14-17, Mark 11:1-11; **Luke 19:29-44**; John 12:12-19

- Triumphal Entry
- Entered Jerusalem
- Weeping over city
- Lodged in Bethany

Monday 11th of First Month - April 7, 32 AD

Matt 21:18,19,12,13; Mark 11:12-18; **Luke 19:45-48**; John 12:20-50

- Cursing the fig tree Mat 21:18-19; Mark 11:12-14
- Temple Cleansing- Mat 21:12-17, Mar 11:15-19; **Lu 19:45-48**
- Greeks seek to see Jesus - John 12:20-50

Tuesday 12th of First Month - April 8, 32 AD

Matt 21:20-26:16; Mark 11:19-14:11; **Luke 20:1-22:6**; John 12:2-8

Teaching from the fig tree

Mark 11:20-26; Mat 21:18-22

- Call to have faith in God
- Need of forgiveness to have power

Teaching about the Jews missing Him

Mark 11:27-; Matt 21:23-27; **Lu 20:1-8**

- Asks them about the baptism of John
- Parable of the two sons – Matt 21:28-32

- Leased vineyard—Mat 21:33-45, Mar 12:1-12; **Lu 20:19-18**
- Parable of the wedding feast – Matt 22:1-14

Testing Jesus

Matt 22; Mark 12:13-37

- Pharisees—taxes? Ma 22:15-22, Mk 12:13-17; **Lu 20:21-59**
- Sadducees—heaven? Ma 22:23-33, Mk 12:18-27; **Lu 20:27-38**
- Scribes—Law?—Ma 21:34-40, Mk 12:28-34; **Lu 20:39-44**
- Tested no more Mark 12:34; Matt 21:46
- Jesus tests them – Mar 12:35-37; Mat 21:41-45

Woes to Pharisees

Ma 23:1-39, Mk 12:38-40; **Lu 20:45-47**

Circumstantial teachings

- From widows mite – Mk 12:41-44; **Lu 21:1-4**
- From Temple admiring Ma 24:1-2, Mk 13:12;; **Lu 21:5-6**

Olivet Discourse—End times

Ma 24:3-25; Mk 13:5-37; **Lu 21:7-37**

- Parable of fig tree—Ma 24:32-41, Mk 13:28-31; **Lu 21:29-33**
- No one knows when - Matt 24:36-42, Mark 13:32
- Parable of Porter - Ma 24:42, Mk 13:33-37, **Lu 21:34-36**
- Parable of Master of the House - Matt 24:43-45
- Parable of Servants - Matt 24:45-51
- Parable of Ten Virgins - Matt 25:1-16
- Parable of the Talents - Matt 25:14-30
- Parable of the Sheep and the Goats - Matt 25:31-46

Jesus tells He will be crucified in two days – Matt 26:1-2

Priests seek to seize Jesus – Mark 14:1-2; Matt 26:3-5,

Mary's costly sacrifice – Matt 26:6-13 Mark 14:3-9 Jn 12:2-8;

(actually occurred on previous Fri, but placed here by Spirit in Mat, Mark for contrast w/Judas)

Judah's goes out to betray Jesus – Ma 26:14-16, Mk 4:10-11

Wednesday 13th of First Month - April 9, 32 AD

Matt 26:17-44; Mark 14:12-40; **Luke 22:7-46**; John 13-17

Passover Preparation – Ma 26:17-19, Mk 14:12-16; **Lu 22:7-13**

Passover Meal – Ma 26:20, Ma 14:17; **Lu 22:14-16**

Washes Disciples Feet - John 13:1-20

Lord Supper—Ma 26:26-29, Mk 14:22-25; **Lu 22:17-20**

Betrayer Ma 26:21-25, Mk 14:18-21; **Lu 22:21-23**; Jn 13:21-30

Dispute about Greatness - **Luke 22:24-30**

All stumble-Ma 26:31-35,Mk 14:27-31;**Lu 22:31-34** Jn 13:31-38

Call to be wise in this darkness – **Luke 22:35-38**

Farewell discourse in Upper Room - John 14

Discourse on the way to Gethsemane - John 15-16

Jesus Intercessory Prayer - John 17

Gethsemane- Ma 26:30-46, Mk 14:26-42; **Lu 22:39-46**; Jn 18:1

Thursday 14th of First Month- April 10, 32 AD

Day of preparation - Mat 27:62

Matt 26:30-61; Mark 14:26-15:47; **Luke 22:39-23:56**; John 18-19

Arrest - Ma 26:47-56, Mk 14:43-52; **Lu 22:47-53**; Jn 18:2-12

Trial by Annas (ex-high priest) - John 18:12-14; 19-23

Trial by Sanhedrin-Ma 26:57, Ma14:53-68; **Lu 22:54-65**, Jo 18:24

• Peter Denial-Ma 26:58-75, Mk 14:54-72;**Lu 22:54-62**;Jo 18:15-27

• Jesus condemned, abused -Ma 27:1; Mk 15:1 **Lu 22:66-71**

• Spit on Him, blindfolded and hit, mocking

Judas' suicide - Matt 27:3-10; Acts 1:18-19

Before Pilate (1st) - Ma 27:2; Mk 15:1-14, **Lu 23:1-5**; Jn 18:28-38

Before Herod - Luke 23:6-12 Mocked Him

Before Pilate(2nd)-Ma 27:15-26; Mk 15:6-15; **Lu 23:13-25**; Jn 18:39-19:16

• Barabbas, scourging, mocked, abused

To Golgotha - Ma 27:31-34; Mk 15:20-23;**Lu 23:26-33**; Jn 19:16-17

• Simon bears cross Ma 27:32, Mk 17:31-34, **Lu 23:26**

Crucified Him – Matt 27:35, Mar 15:24 **Lu 23:33**

First 3 hrs on Cross (9-noon) –

Ma 27:35-44; Mk 15:24-32; **Lu 23:33-43**; Jn 19:18-27

Last three hours on Cross (noon-3)

Ma 27:45-50; Mk 15:33-37; **Lu 23:44-46**; Jo 19:28-30

Death of Christ - Ma 27:50-56, Mk 15:38-41;**Lu 23:45-49**; Jo 19:30

Burial- Ma 27:57-60, Mk 15:42-46; **Lu 23:50-54**; Jn 19:31-42

Women watch & prepare - Ma 27:61; Mk 15:47; **Lu 23:55-5**

Friday 15th of First Month - April 11, 32 AD

First day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread - special Sabbath -
no customary work

Saturday - Sabbath 16th of First Month - April 12, 32, AD

Ask Pilate to set a Guard - Matt 27:62-66

Sunday 17th of First Month - April 13, 32 AD

Matt 28; Mark 16; **Luke 24**; John 20

Women come to tomb - Ma 28:1-8; Mk 16:1-8; **Lu 24:1-8**

Earthquake - Matt 28:2-4

Report to the Disciples **Lu 24:9-12**; Jo 20:2-10

Appears to Mary Magdalene - Mark 16:9-11; John 20:11-18

Appears to the other women - Matt 28:9-10

Guards report to the rulers - Matt 28:11-15

Appears on Emmaus road - Mk 16:12,13; **Lu 24:13-35**

Appears to Peter - **Luke 24:34-35**; 1 Cor 15:5

Appears to disciples - Mk 16:14; **Lu 24:36-43**; Jn 20:19-25

Sunday 24th of First month - April 20, 32 AD

Appears to disciples w/Thomas - John 20:26-31, 1 Cor 15:5

Following 40 days

Appearance to seven disciples on sea - John 21

Appearance to 500 - commission given –

Mark 16:15-18; Matt 28:16-20; 1Cor 15:6

Appearance to James 1 Cor 15:7

Appearance to disciples again - **Luke 24:44-49**; Acts 1:3-8

Ascension of Jesus - Mark 16:19-20; **Luke 24:50-53**; Acts 1:9-12

Daily Bible Study

Monday, October 22nd, 2007

Passage for today: Luke 22

Questions to Ponder

1. Think about verse 7. Why did Jesus' death occur during the Passover? How is the Lord's supper a picture of Jesus' death.
2. In verses 24-30 what does Jesus teach concerning true greatness? How does this contrast with the world's view of greatness? Why did Peter deny Jesus? How can we stand in similar circumstances? What can we learn about his claim in verse 23?

Jesus, the God-Man on an Eternal Mission

Luke 19:28-24

Jesus was the King of the Jews. He claimed also to be the Son of God. How odd it must have been for those who looked on, tormented, sneered and for those who wept that He did not try to save Himself! He had a far greater goal in His mind. As Pilate and Herod jeered, He barely said anything. As the chief priests and scribes beat, punished and dragged Him from place to place, He was silent as a Lamb being led to the slaughter. As Peter, His close disciple and friend (John 15), denied Him; He simply turned and looked. As the rulers mocked and the soldiers divided His garments, He simply prayed to the Father. Jesus, who was God in the flesh, whom men could touch, hear, smell, and see lived not for temporal pleasure or comfort; but He lived for a far greater purpose—to be the perfect sacrifice for the sins of man once and for all.

Luke's account of the Gospel—a most delightful account—highlights for us Jesus as a man. His humanity is portrayed for us vividly and in detail as Luke, the gentile, compiles and shares the first-hand accounts of those who had actually walked with Jesus in His thirty-three years on earth. In these last chapters of Luke's gospel it is very moving to see the resolute character of our Savior. It is stirring to watch as He silently endures accusations, beatings and betrayal. It brings joy to know that He victoriously accomplished His eternal work on earth with not only us in mind, but also the very men who were His accusers. What love the Savior has! And what love He calls us to today! Our Savior lived for eternity. And that was displayed in His patient endurance through every detail shared in this account we have from Luke.

As you read these last chapters, note how fixed Jesus seemed to be on accomplishing His eternal purpose. Note how He prepared His disciples. Note how He interacted with the people. Note the detail of His actions as He endured shame and suffering from Gethsemane to the cross. As you see these things, be further convinced that Jesus, the man, was truly the Son of God. He was sent for one reason and upon that reason His heart stayed fixed.

Christian, as you read and study these last days of our Savior, rejoice in His work done for you! Be moved in your thanksgiving to give your all to the work of this wonderful, eternal Captain of your

salvation! Surrender your heart, fix your eyes and run with endurance the race that is set before you! As you do these things, do them looking unto this awesome Jesus, the author and finisher of you faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame. He has completed His task, and has set down at the right hand of the throne of God in heaven (Hebrews 12:2)!

As you read and study these chapters of Luke, notice the eternal purpose behind every movement and every word of our Lord. Notice and rejoice! The King of all creation lowered Himself and became a man. He lived on earth, suffered and died willingly. And then He arose from the grave! And He did it for you! May He encourage you and bless you as you consider Him and thankfully live your days “letting this same mind be in you which was also in Him (Phil 2:6)”

The Calvary Sacrifice

(Luke 19:45-23)

“See that exemplary Man amid deep, awful doings which culminated at Calvary: The murderous coalition of religious men with Satan against Him; the serpent-venom in the betrayer’s kiss; the panic-struck break-up of the apostles; the denial and blasphemy of Peter; the fiendish hypocrisy of the Sanhedrin; the sarcastic mockery of Herod, and the groveling cowardice of Pilate; Gethsemane, with its first breaking of that direst storm which ever shuddered over a soul; Calvary, where the floodgates of bitter waters when opened full upon Him, and the billows of unknowable anguish whelmed Him, and the horror of the deep darkness enveloped Him. What *now* are His reactions? Amid the first, sudden intensity of the storm as it breaks upon Him in Gethsemane, there is complete abandon to the will of God: “Nevertheless, *not My will, but Thine be done.*” When His crucifiers drive the cutting iron through His hands and feet, and prop Him up, pinioned there in public shame and torture, His first word is: “Father, forgive them.” Oh, that life! That death! Wonderful Man of Galilee and Calvary! Perfect Pattern! Condemning yet alluring Example! Ever calling us; ever before us and beyond us; yet ever *with* us, too, for He has risen; and ever *within* us, for He has come to us again in the person of the Holy Spirit to indwell us, to share His victory with us, and to enable us to follow in the shining wake of His own lovely example!”

--Baxter, J. Sidlow, *Explore the Book*

"Men ought always to pray."

- Luke 18:1

taken from *Morning and Evening*

by Charles Spurgeon

If men ought always to pray and not to faint, much more Christian men. Jesus has sent his church into the world on the same errand upon which he himself came, and this mission includes intercession. What if I say that the church is the world's priest? Creation is dumb, but the church is to find a mouth for it. It is the church's high privilege to pray with acceptance. The door of grace is always open for her petitions, and they never return empty-handed. The veil was rent for her, the blood was sprinkled upon the altar for her, God constantly invites her to ask what she wills. Will she refuse the privilege which angels might envy her? Is she not the bride of Christ? May she not go in unto her King at every hour? Shall she allow the precious privilege to be unused? The church always has need for prayer. There are always some in her midst who are declining, or falling into open sin. There are lambs to be prayed for, that they may be carried in Christ's bosom? the strong, lest they grow presumptuous; and the weak, lest they become despairing. If we kept up prayer-meetings four-and-twenty hours in the day, all the days in the year, we might never be without a special subject for supplication. Are we ever without the sick and the poor, the afflicted and the wavering? Are we ever without those who seek the conversion of relatives, the reclaiming of back-sliders, or the salvation of the depraved? Nay, with congregations constantly gathering, with ministers always preaching, with millions of sinners lying dead in trespasses and sins; in a country over which the darkness of Romanism is certainly descending; in a world full of idols, cruelties, devilries, if the church doth not pray, how shall she excuse her base neglect of the commission of her loving Lord? Let the church be constant in supplication, let every private believer cast his mite of prayer into the treasury.

**"Then opened he their understanding,
that they might understand the Scriptures."**

- Luke 24:45

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He whom we viewed last evening as opening Scripture, we here perceive opening the understanding. In the first work he has many fellow-labourers, but in the second he stands alone; many can bring the Scriptures to the mind, but the Lord alone can prepare the mind to receive the Scriptures. Our Lord Jesus differs from all other teachers; they reach the ear, but he instructs the heart; they deal with the outward letter, but he imparts an inward taste for the truth, by which we perceive its savour and spirit. The most unlearned of men become ripe scholars in the school of grace when the Lord Jesus by his Holy Spirit unfolds the mysteries of the kingdom to them, and grants the divine anointing by which they are enabled to behold the invisible. Happy are we if we have had our understandings cleared and strengthened by the Master! How many men of profound learning are ignorant of eternal things! They know the killing letter of revelation, but its killing spirit they cannot discern; they have a veil upon their hearts which the eyes of carnal reason cannot penetrate. Such was our case a little time ago; we who now see were once utterly blind; truth was to us as beauty in the dark, a thing unnoticed and neglected. Had it not been for the love of Jesus we should have remained to this moment in utter ignorance, for without his gracious opening of our understanding, we could no more have attained to spiritual knowledge than an infant can climb the Pyramids, or an ostrich fly up to the stars. Jesus' College is the only one in which God's truth can be really learned; other schools may teach us what is to be believed, but Christ's alone can show us how to believe it. Let us sit at the feet of Jesus, and by earnest prayer call in his blessed aid that our dull wits may grow brighter, and our feeble understandings may receive heavenly things.