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THE GOSPEL OF

LUKE

That you may have certainty!

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Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?

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ARE YOU THE ONE?

Luke 7:18-30

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The News Finally Reaches John

Luke 7:18

Where is John?

What "things" did John's disciples tell him about?

¹⁸ Then **John's disciples told him about all these things**. So John summoned two of his disciples ¹⁹ and sent them to the Lord, asking, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?"

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Jesus' Galilean Ministry

Began ministry in Galilee fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah (Isa. 9:1-2)

Performed first miracle, turning water into wine at the wedding in Cana (John 2:1-11)

Read from the Isaiah scroll (Isa. 61:1-2) in the Synagogue at Nazareth

Announce the fulfillment of that prophecy, essentially claiming to be the Messiah

Rejected in His hometown (fulfilling prophecy), and miraculously avoided being stoned

Cast out demons and unclean spirits in Capernaum

Healed Simon's Mother-in-Law of a high fever and many others who were sick with various diseases

Cast out demons who knew Him and rebuked them and commanded them not to speak

Stated that His mission was to proclaim the Good News about the Kingdom of God

Provided a miraculous catch of fish to a group of frustrated fishermen

Called Simon Peter, Andrew, James and John to be His first disciples (Fishers of Men)

Touched, healed and cleansed a Leper then healed many others from the large crowds that came to hear Him

Forgave the sins of a paralytic and healed Him, enraging the Pharisees and leaving the large crowd filled with awe

Called Levi (Matthew) to follow Him and attended a banquet at Levi's house with other Tax Collectors

Overcame 5 controversies: forgiving sins, associating with Sinners, not fasting, and working/healing on the Sabbath

Chose twelve (12) disciples and named them Apostles after spending all night in prayer

Healed a great number of people and cast out unclean spirits on the mountainside

Preached the Sermon on the Mount (Plain) to a large crowd from all Judea, Jerusalem, Tyre and Sidon

Commended the faith of a gentile Centurion and healed His critically-ill servant from afar

Had compassion on the Widow of Nain and raised her only son from the dead

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John's Response

Luke 7:19

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Huh?

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John's Perspective

Luke 3:2-6

Isaiah's Supernatural Highway

SLOW
STEEP
GRADE
AHEAD



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² during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, **God's word came to John** the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ He went into all the vicinity of the Jordan, **proclaiming a baptism of repentance** for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴ as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah:

*A voice of one crying out in the wilderness: **Prepare the way for the Lord; make his paths straight!***

⁵ Every valley will be filled, and every mountain and hill will be made low; the crooked will become straight, the rough ways smooth, ⁶ and everyone will see the salvation of God.

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John's Message Hit Home

Luke 3:15-16

John's was getting a lot of attention.

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¹⁵ Now the people were waiting expectantly, and all of them were **questioning in their hearts whether John might be the Messiah.** ¹⁶ John answered them all, "I baptize you with water, but one who is more powerful than I am is coming. I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals.

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The Messiah is Greater

Luke 3:15-16

How did John respond to the situation?

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Messiah's Threefold Superiority

Luke 3:16-18 (ESV)

1. He is more powerful

2. His baptism is greater

3. He is the Judge

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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John's Mantra



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Facebook: www.facebook.com/BurnerTurner

What is John's Main Concern?

➤ Where's the fork?



➤ Where's the fire?



Jesus' Mission

Luke 4:18-19

What did the Isaiah scroll say about Jesus' mission?

¹⁸ The Spirit of the Lord is on Me, because **He has anointed Me to preach good news to the poor.** He has sent Me to proclaim freedom to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free the oppressed, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

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Jesus' Mission Statement

Luke 4:43

What did Jesus say Himself about His mission?

⁴³ But He said to them, "**I must proclaim the good news about the kingdom of God** to the other towns also, because I was sent for this purpose."

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John's Expectation

Luke 4:18-19

Where is John and how is he thinking about this passage?

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God's Intentions

Luke 4:18-19

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What type of freedom is God talking about in this passage?

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Jesus' Answer

Luke 7:22-23

How did Jesus respond to John's question?

²² He replied to them, "Go and report to John what you have seen and heard: **The blind receive their sight, the lame walk, those with leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor are told the good news,** ²³ and blessed is the one who isn't offended by me."

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Affirming John

Luke 7:27-28

What did Jesus have to say to His disciples about John?

²⁸ I tell you, **among those born of women no one is greater than John**, but the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he."

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Dealing with Disappointment

- God uses disappointment to grow our faith
- Satan uses disappointment to destroy our faith

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Doubt & Unbelief

What's The Difference



Doubt **RUNS TO** God



Unbelief **Turns Away** from God

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DELIBERATE DISCIPLESHIP

- Have your unmet expectations of God so clouded your vision that you're missing the great and mighty things He is doing right in front of you?
- Has your focus on physical "imprisonment" impaired your ability to appreciate and share the majesty of the eternal, spiritual freedom you have in Jesus?
- As we enter Passion Week, let us never forget that Jesus voluntarily gave up His life, while we were yet sinners, to buy our freedom and give us eternal life.
- What can you do this week to proclaim the Good News that Jesus offers freedom to the captives?



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FORGIVENESS AND LOVE

Luke 7:36-50