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THE GOSPEL OF
LUKE
That you may have certainty!

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What do you see?

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AVOIDING HYPOCRISY

Luke 12:1-3
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¹ **Meanwhile**, a crowd of many thousands came together, so that they were trampling on one another.

What does "meanwhile" suggest?

What were the Pharisees doing at the end of the last passage?

How would you describe the setting and the reaction of the crowd?

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This phrase seems to capture a private moment of teaching amid sheer chaos around them.

What lesson can we learn from the very beginning of this passage?

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Why does Jesus give this warning to His disciples in the midst of a huge popularity boon?

Jesus knows the popular crush of curiosity will not change the destiny of His ministry.

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Remember how Jesus read the mind of the Pharisees several times.

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What is Jesus' main point in this passage?

God is omniscient, He perceives all and will reveal all in the end.

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FEAR GOD

Luke 12:4-7

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⁴ "I say to you, my friends, don't fear those who kill the body, and after that can do nothing more. ⁵ But I will show you the one to fear: Fear him who has authority to throw people into hell after death. Yes, I say to you, this is the one to fear! ⁶ Aren't five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten in God's sight. ⁷ Indeed, the hairs of your head are all counted. Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

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To whom is Jesus most likely referring in this phrase?

Jesus' is likely alluding to the hypocrisy involved in attempting to protect one's physical life.

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Who does Jesus tell the disciples to fear, and why?

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Didn't Jesus just tell His disciples to fear God? Why then is He now saying don't be afraid?

Jesus is saying the disciples need not worry about how God will care for them.

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Luke 12:8-12

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⁸ "And I say to you, anyone who acknowledges me before others, the Son of Man will also acknowledge him before the angels of God, ⁹ but whoever denies me before others will be denied before the angels of God. ¹⁰ Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but the one who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven. ¹¹ Whenever they bring you before synagogues and rulers and authorities, don't worry about how you should defend yourselves or what you should say. ¹² For the Holy Spirit will teach you at that very hour what must be said."

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What two options do people have based on Jesus' teaching here?

But, is Jesus referring to a single incident or a pattern of life?

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How did Peter respond when challenged to acknowledge Jesus?

How did that impact Peter's standing with Jesus in the end?

What does Peter's example suggest about the meaning of this phrase?

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¹⁰ Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but **the one who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven.**

This is one of the most enigmatic statements of Jesus in all of the Bible.

Rightly understanding the previous statement is essential to understanding this one too.

What does it mean to blaspheme the Holy Spirit?

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The totality of a person's response to the Spirit, not just a moment in time.

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11 Whenever they bring you before synagogues and rulers and authorities, don't worry about how you should defend yourselves or what you should say. **12** For **the Holy Spirit will teach you at that very hour what must be said.**"

Jesus gives His disciples another reason that they need not worry

1. Because God cares for them (v. 7)
2. The Holy Spirit will support them when challenged

Those same two assurances apply to you and me as much as it did them.

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DELIBERATE DISCIPLESHIP

- Take comfort in knowing that when life is chaotic, Jesus is still speaking. We must simply be willing to listen.
- Jesus warns us about succumbing to the pressures of man, else we will become hypocrites like the Pharisees.
- People can kill the body, but God decides our eternal fate.
- The one who permanently denies the Son, blasphemes the Spirit by denying decisively the testimony He offers.
- The one who confesses Jesus will be received by Him before the angels and cared for by the Father in eternity.

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The screenshot shows the homepage for 'The Gospel of Luke' on the website. At the top, the URL 'doubtlessliving.com/the-gospel-of-luke/' is visible in the browser address bar. The main header features the 'Doubtless Living!' logo with a cross. Below the logo is a navigation menu with links for Home, Bible Studies, Online Bible, Heaven?, About Us, and Contact Us. The main content area is titled 'The Gospel of Luke' and features a large graphic with the text 'Doubtless Living! THE GOSPEL OF LUKE That you may have certainty!'. To the right of this graphic are sections for 'Latest Comments' and 'Categories'. The 'Latest Comments' section lists several comments, including 'Too Complex to Transplant!', 'Neutrality Inadvisable!', 'To the Victor Goes the Spoil!', 'Out of Plumb!', 'Monkey See, Monkey Do!', 'Dinner Party Houdini!', 'Test in Progress', 'Checklist: Do's and Don'ts', 'Don't Miss the Turn!', and 'Stopping Time'. The 'Categories' section lists 'Christian Living'.

The screenshot shows a weekly schedule for 'The Gospel of Luke' on the website. The browser address bar shows 'doubtlessliving.com/the-gospel-of-luke/'. The page lists 38 weeks of content, each with a title and a date. The dates range from August 2019 to October 2012. The titles include: 'That You May Have Certainty (Luke 1:1-4)', 'The Birth of John the Baptist Foretold (Luke 1:5-25)', 'The Birth of Jesus Foretold (Luke 1:26-38)', 'Mary Visits Elizabeth (Luke 1:39-56)', 'The Birth of John (Luke 1:57-66)', 'Zechariah's Song (Luke 1:67-79)', 'The Birth of Jesus (Luke 2:1-20)', 'Jesus Presented, Provisioned, Protected & Prepared (Luke 2:21-52)', 'The Ministry of John the Baptist (Luke 3:1-20)', 'The Baptism of Jesus (Luke 3:21-38)', 'The Temptation of Jesus (Luke 4:1-13)', 'The Ministry of Jesus Begins (Luke 4:14-44)', 'Gathering Disciples, Jesus Demonstrates Authority (Luke 5:1-26)', 'Controversy Over Association (Luke 5:27-32)', 'Controversy Over Fasting (Luke 5:33-39)', 'Controversy Over Sabbath (Luke 6:1-5)', 'Controversy Over Sabbath Healing (Luke 6:6-12)', 'Quarrel: Pharisees, Sadducees & Herodians (Luke 6:13-23)', 'Truly Righteous Love (Luke 6:27-38)', 'Righteous Response: Building Wisely (Luke 6:29-49)', 'Authority Over Richness and Death (Luke 7:1-17)', 'Are You the One? (Luke 7:18-30)', 'Lazarus: The Fruit of Forgiveness (Luke 7:36-50)', 'The Parable of the Sower (Luke 8:4-15)', 'Let Your Light Shine (Luke 8:16-24)', 'Authority Over All (Luke 8:22-56)', 'Feeding the Five Thousand (Luke 9:1-17)', 'Confession, Prediction & Instruction (Luke 9:18-27)', 'Transfiguration: Jesus' Leadership & Ministry Revealed (Luke 9:28-36)', 'Turning Point: The Journey to Jerusalem Begins (Luke 9:51-62)', 'On Mission with Jesus: Messengers of Peace (Luke 10:1-24)', 'The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)', 'Elder: Character, Faith & Mercy (Luke 10:38-42)', 'Search Us to Pray (Luke 11:1-4)', 'Ask, Seek, Knock: Boldness in Prayer (Luke 11:5-13)', 'The Finger of God: Casting Out Demons (Luke 11:14-23)', 'Heard It Through the Windows: About Responses (Luke 11:24-32)', and 'Lattices Illuminated: From the Inside Out (Luke 11:33-54)'. At the bottom, there are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and LinkedIn, and a 'Like this' button.