

## Luke Study Lesson 3 Luke 4:16-6:49

Alistair Begg sermons on Luke (there are many) <https://www.truthforlife.org/resources/scripture/luke>

Icebreaker: **What leader (pastor, author, teacher...) has impacted your life in a lasting way? What made you want to "follow" or be around this person?**

By the time we get to Luke 4:16, Jesus has been busy in his ministry (John 1:19-4:42). He has called Peter and Andrew and Philip and Nathaniel (though Peter had gone back to his fishing business) He has had a conversation with Nicodemus and the Samaritan woman. He was becoming well known for miracles and teaching as a rabbi. **(Luke organized his material logically not chronologically)**

**Page 42** <https://www.gotquestions.org/what-is-a-synagogue.html> A synagogue is a Jewish building designed for worship (similar to a modern church building). history notes that the practice of meeting in synagogues emerged during the period of Israel's Babylonian captivity. During this time, the Jewish temple was unavailable for worship, requiring an alternative gathering place for dispersed Jews who desired to gather for prayer and communal worship

Jesus quotes Isaiah 62:1-2- which proclaimed that Jesus was this long awaited Messiah **1The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;**

**2 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor**, Refers to : The Year of the Jubilee involved a year of release from indebtedness ([Leviticus 25:23-38](#)) and all types of bondage (vv. 39-55). All prisoners and captives were set free, all slaves were released, all debts were forgiven, and all property was returned to its original owners.

But...Jesus does not quote the last part of the verse 2 "and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn" –referring to the day of Judgment when Christ come again (MacArthur)

**What miracle could Jesus be referring to in Capernaum?** (John 2:10-11) **What was the point of the OT stories of Elijah and Elisha? Who was helped?** (not Jews but Gentiles) **Why would this make them so angry?**

**Page 43-** There were other times Jesus "escaped from those seeking to kill Him-( John 7:30,8:59, 10:39)

Jesus had "officially" called these four fishermen (Matt 4:18-22, Mark 1:16-20)

**Page 44** **How would you explain Peter's reaction to the "blessing" of abundance of fish? What makes that such a miracle for the fishermen?** (fish are never caught in the middle of the day as they are found in the deepest part of the lake at this time of day) **Peter called Jesus Master- Jesus actually became the master or captain of Peter's boat. What does that tell us about this outspoken man that we get to know throughout the NT?**

**\*Who else in the Bible runs from God or became "undone"** (Adam/Eve, Isaiah 6:5)

**\*When have you become "undone" on your spiritual journey?**

**Page 45** 5:16 is a good verse to use if someone asks "why should we pray".

**Page 46** **Why do you think the Pharisees keep showing up?** Think of the work it took for these friends to do this for their friend. This is a great story to teach kids but **What is the central theme or lessons from this miracle?** **Jesus performed miracles as object lessons to teach spiritually blind people.** Wiersbe **Jesus healed so many but do you wonder how many truly repented? Many come to hear but how many come to saving faith?**

**The Son of Man was Jesus' favorite name for Himself- over 80 times in the gospels.** Wiersbe The Son of Man was a reference to the prophecy of [Daniel 7:13-14](#), "In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshiped him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.” Daniel saw glory, worship, and an everlasting kingdom given to the Messiah—here called the “Son of Man”—and Jesus applied this prophecy to Himself. The Son of Man, in fulfillment of [Old Testament prophecy](#), will be the King. Wellum <https://www.gotquestions.org/Jesus-Son-of-Man.html>

Levi- changed to Matthew-Gift of God. We don't know if Levi was one of the many **corrupt** tax collectors but he would have been hated by the Jews because he was collaborating with the “enemy”.

**When do we know if someone is ready to come to Christ? When are we ready to repent?** (see lesson 2) To know we are truly sinners is the opening of our hearts by the Holy Spirit to salvation. [Jesus calls those who know they are “sick” 5:31-32 McKinley](#) “I saw Mr. Newton near the closing scene. He was hardly able to talk; and all I find I had noted down upon my leaving him was this: “My memory is nearly gone, but I remember two things: That I am a great sinner and that Christ is a great Savior.” John Newton

### **Page 47 – Jesus the Bridegroom**

[Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the \*marriage of the Lamb\* has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure’—for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. And the angel said to me, ‘Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb’”](#) ([Revelation 19:6-9](#)).

**Many of us grew up in a church where we were taught certain “laws” or expectations of what Christianity was to be. Were they always “bad”? These “old” ways are often hard to let go of... to start over with our “new” way of thinking. What rituals have you had to give up to follow Christ? Why are they so difficult to give up? What needs to happen first...give up rituals or become new in Christ? 2 Cor 5:17**

These two parables illustrate the fact that you can't mix old religious rituals with new faith in Jesus. Jesus' disciples were not fasting along with the Pharisees and John's disciples because they were now under the new covenant of grace and faith in Christ. As mentioned earlier, Jesus fulfilled the law; therefore, there is no longer any need to continue with the old rituals. Jesus cannot be added to a works-based religion. In the case of the Pharisees, they were consumed with their own self-righteousness, and faith in Jesus cannot be combined with self-righteous rituals. James M Boice

The Pharisees were just not able to give up the old law... their way. The old covenant was just too engrained. They forgot about Jeremiah 31:31-34.... The new covenant...

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Some rabbis believed that the Messiah could not come until Israel had perfectly kept the Sabbath. But they just kept adding on more restrictions...moving the bar as it were to accomplish this perfection.

The Sabbath represented the old creation...rest after work=law. While the Lord's Day represents Jesus' finished work in new creation...rest before work=grace Wiersbe

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To the Jews blessings meant long life, wealth, health, family, and defeated enemies. Deut 28 Wiersbe

**Page 50-51 So many life lessons here-** Luke 5:31- what a great verse for “kids”...☺ We all could use this as our way of life... extending mercy and grace to all. **Steve Green's song... “Do to others” comes to mind ;)**

One commentator suggests that Jesus' audience would have thought the log/splinter parable would have been quite funny. How quick are we to judge others. **These days we use the idea of “blind spot”. How do we react when we are told that we do the same thing- how do you react when IT IS POINTED OUT????** (does it depend on who is pointing it out ☺)

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**These verses are about our attitudes:**

**People- to be discerning towards those we “judge”, to treat others as we would want to be treated**  
**Self- to be humble, our habitual fruit is true of our character, we reap what we sow**

**God-He is our Rock (Psalm 92:15) our foundation is built on Christ and His Word-storms are there to test our foundation. Wiersbe**