

Good Tidings of Great Joy

Studies in the Gospel of Luke

The Lord is Risen Indeed

Luke 23:50-24:53
Lesson 22

Trinity Bible Church Sunday School
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Gospel of Luke – Outline

1. Prologue (1:1-4)
2. The Preparation for Jesus' Ministry (1:5-4:13)
3. The Ministry in Galilee (4:14-9:50)
4. The Judean/Perean Ministry (9:51-19:27)
5. The Ministry in Jerusalem (19:28-21:38)
6. The Consummation of His Work (22:1-24:53)

The Consummation of Christ's Work

- ▶ Luke 22:1-62 – The theology of the death of Christ
- ▶ Luke 22:63-23:49 – The death of Christ
- ▶ Luke 23:50-24:53 – The resurrection of Christ

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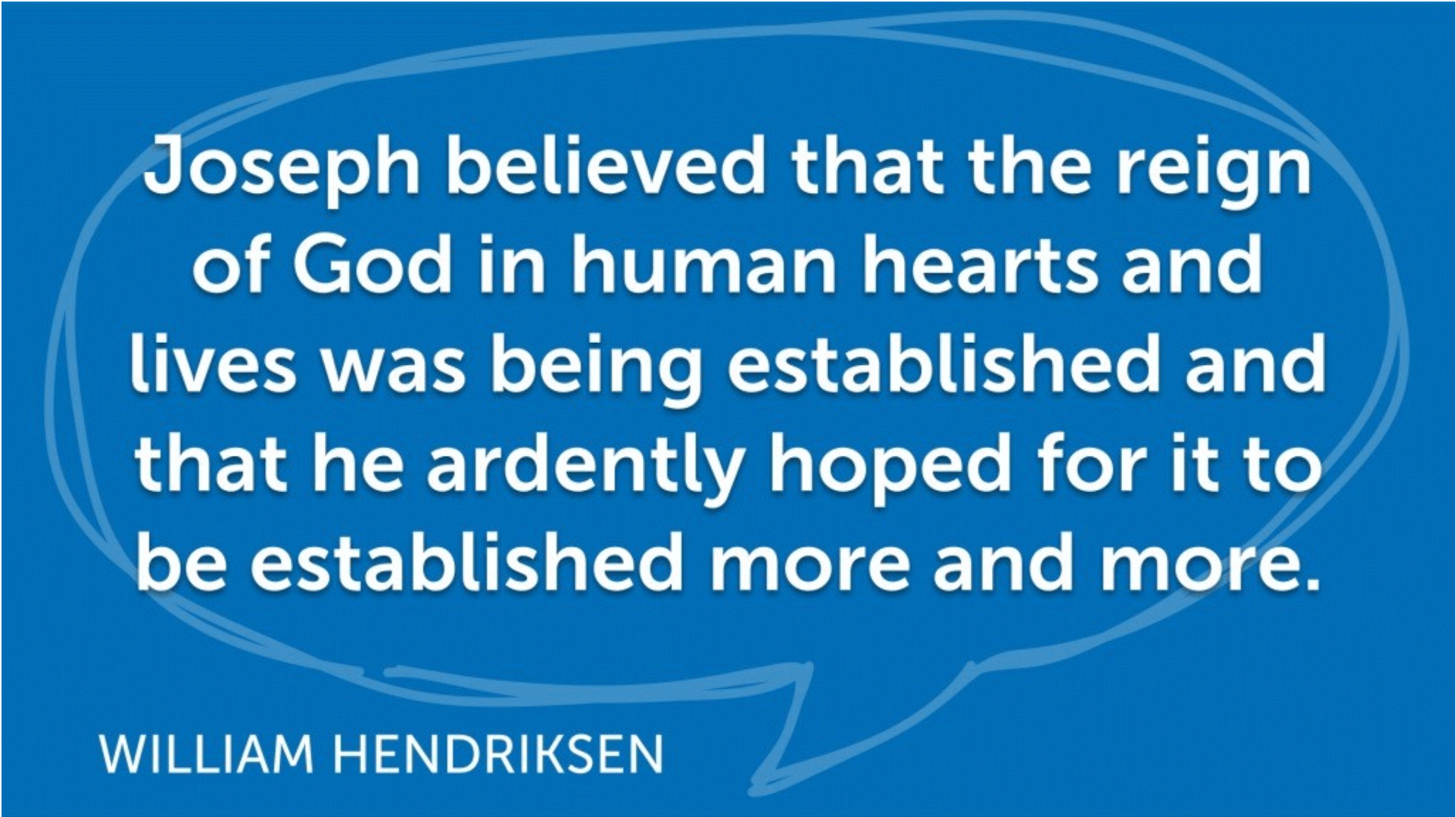
- ▶ Seeking the Kingdom of God (23:50-56)
- ▶ The Resurrection (24:1-12)
- ▶ The Road to Emmaus (24:13-35)
- ▶ The Resurrected Christ (24:36-53)

Seeking the Kingdom of God (23:50-56)

- ▶ Joseph of Arimathea
- ▶ Member of the Council
- ▶ A silent dissenter (23:51a)
- ▶ A secret disciple (John 20:38; Mk 15:43)
- ▶ A good and righteous man
- ▶ A true believer (Matt.27:57; John 19:38)

Waiting for the Kingdom of God

- ▶ What is he waiting for?
- ▶ Figurative:
 - The rule of God in the hearts of believers (17:20-21)
 - Luke 17:20-21 –“in your midst”
 - The Kingdom parables
 - Salvation is “entering the Kingdom” (John 3:3-5; Col 1:13)



**Joseph believed that the reign
of God in human hearts and
lives was being established and
that he ardently hoped for it to
be established more and more.**

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Waiting for the Kingdom of God

- ▶ What is he waiting for?
- ▶ Figurative: a picture of salvation
- ▶ Literal rule of Christ on the earth
 - The Millennial Kingdom (Revelation 20:1-6)
 - The new heaven and new earth (Revelation 21:1 and 22:1)

The Kingdom of God

- ▶ O.T. prophecy: 2 Sam 7:10-16; Zech 9:9-10; Lu 1:32-33
- ▶ Joseph waiting for it (23:51)
- ▶ Christ waiting for it (22:16, 18; 29-30)
- ▶ The prayer of the saints (11:2)
- ▶ The request of the thief (23:42)
- ▶ The preaching ministry of Jesus (4:43)
- ▶ The concern of the disciples (Acts 1:6-8)
- ▶ The ministry of Paul (14:22; 19:8; 20:25; 28:23, 31)
- ▶ All creation waiting (Rom 8:17-25)

Waiting for the Kingdom of God

- ▶ Christ reigning on the Throne of David
- ▶ A nation of saints – righteousness reigns
- ▶ Blinded to the need for Messiah to die
- ▶ Joseph provides verification of His death
- ▶ No final Kingdom of God if Jesus remains in his tomb
- ▶ The women from Galilee
 - Perplexed (with Joseph)
 - Continued to minister to Jesus – living by faith

The Resurrection (24:1-12)

- ▶ Unwitnessed
- ▶ Angels remind of the Word of Christ (Luke 9:22)
- ▶ Disciples' unbelief (24:11)
- ▶ Peter “marveled” after seeing the empty tomb

Why is the resurrection important?

- ▶ Christ must rise to be a living Savior
 - Fulfill prophecy (Psalm 16:10-11; Luke 9:22)
 - We are united with Him in our new life
- ▶ Why not just die and go to heaven?
 - “Unresurrected” Moses and Elijah visible and speaking with Christ
 - Paul – Phil 1:21-23 – with Christ . . . far better
 - Can being in “Paradise” in the presence of Christ and His saints be improved upon?

The resurrection is essential

- ▶ Romans 11:36 – Christ’s glory forever in creation
- ▶ God’s creation is under the dominion of death
- ▶ The last enemy is death – 1 Cor 15:26
- ▶ Christ’s resurrection is the first fruit (1 Cor 15:20)
- ▶ Christ’s resurrection ends death (1 Cor 15:22)
 - For creation (Rom 8:21)
 - For the people of God (1 Cor 15:51-52)
 - Begotten to a living hope by the resurrection (1 Peter 1:3)
 - 1 Cor 15:42 – raised an imperishable body
 - 1 Cor 15:50, 53 – no Kingdom in flesh and blood (perishable)
 - Paul looked for something better – Phil 3:20-21
 - For sinners (Rev 20:11-13, 15)
 - For Death and Hell (Rev 20:14)

Main topic of NT preaching

- ▶ It is the proof of His divinity (Romans 1:1-4)
- ▶ It shows that death is vanquished (1 Cor 15:26)
- ▶ Our hope is in our union with Christ (Col 3:1)

The Road to Emmaus (24:13-35)

- ▶ Two depressed disciples
- ▶ A lesson from Scripture
- ▶ Why didn't He just reveal Himself to them?

The Resurrected Christ (24:36-53)

- ▶ The proof of the resurrection
- ▶ A lesson from Scripture
- ▶ The Great Commission
- ▶ Jesus ascends to heaven
- ▶ Lesson learned: worship and praise

The Lord is Risen Indeed

- ▶ Waiting for the Kingdom
- ▶ Resurrection – final victory
- ▶ The essential Word
- ▶ The Great Commission