Good Tidings of Great Joy
Studies in the Gospel of Luke

The Lord is Risen Indeed
Lesson 22

Trinity Bible Church Sunday School
May 31, 2015
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/Perea Ministry (9:51-19:27)
5. The Ministry in Jerusalem (19:28-21:38)
The Consummation of Christ’s Work

The Lord is Risen Indeed

- 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.
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