

# The Gospel of Luke Journal

## Winter 2022

Bible Study, Faith Sharing, Reflection and Prayer

### Schedule

All the sessions will begin at 7:00pm

January 5, Luke 2:41-4:13

January 12, Luke 4:14-5:39

January 19, Luke 6:1-7:50

January 26, Luke 8:1-9:50

February 2, Luke 9:51-11:54

February 9, Luke 12:1-13:35

February 16, Luke 14:1-15:32

February 23, Luke 16:1-17:37

March 2, Luke 18:1-27

March 9, Luke 19:28-21:38

March 16, Luke 22:1-23:56

March 23, Luke 24:1-50



## Week 3 Luke 2:41-4:15

1. What do you remember about being a 12 year-old?
  2. Mary kept these events in her heart (Luke 2:51). This suggests that Mary was open to the will of God. Have you ever felt that you were open to the will of God? How so?
  3. After reading the little pericope about young Jesus in the temple, did it change your view of the Holy Family?
  4. At the time of writing Luke's gospel, time was kept by mentioning who was in leadership. If we measured time like that, we might say that we are in the second year of President Biden leading the United States. If you were writing history in this fashion, besides Biden who would you describe in leadership at this time?
  5. What do you believe is at the heart of John's message at the Jordan?

6. What was John the Baptist trying to say to the community of his time, to the community now, and to you personally?
  
  
  
7. The Baptism of Jesus reminds me that just because I'm invited into the process of conversion does not mean that I'm willing to do what is necessary for conversion. Are you in need of conversion or perhaps reconciliation?
  
  
  
8. After Jesus's baptism A voice came from the heavens saying, "you are my beloved son: with you I am well pleased". How are you beloved?
  
  
  
9. The desert is described as a barren area with low rainfall. In biblical perspective barren places were places where humans encountered God. Where do you encounter God?
  
  
  
10. It says at the beginning of chapter 4 that Jesus was filled with the Holy Spirit. How has the Holy Spirit been with you when you were tempted?
  
  
  
11. There is a threefold tempting done by the devil; food, power, and false worship which one of these temptations is easiest for you to avoid?



## Week 4 Luke 4:16-5:39

1. Luke says that Jesus continues to teach in the synagogues being led by the Spirit. Have you ever felt led by the Spirit? Explain.
  
  
  
2. [4:18] Jesus read from the scroll of Isaiah. If you were called to read a few verses, from the Hebrew or the Christian Scriptures what would you select?
  
  
  
3. And what would you say about this passage to the people assembled?
  
  
  
4. Jesus was not respected in his hometown. Describe a time when you were greeted by someone who knew you when you were a child and treated you like the child you once were. Did you just let it go—or did you try to let them know that you have grownup?
  
  
  
5. [4:28] “They were all filled with rage”. What made the group want to drive Jesus out of town? Do you believe this is the kind of rage that caused the events of January 6, 2021? How are they similar and how are they different?
  
  
  
6. [4:36] What authority and power do WE have? Can WE call upon the power of God to do miracles?
  
  
  
7. It must have been difficult to preach the good news when so many people had real physical needs. At this time in our history, many are concerned about covid. Consequently, many are not participating in the Eucharist.

Many have turned to virtual Mass attendance. Do you think our church leadership wonders similarly, How do we proclaim the good news when people are concerned about other issues?

8. [5:1-11] After the miracle of the big fish catch, the disciples “followed him”. What would it take for you to follow Jesus like that (leave your job, home and family)?
9. [5:8b] Have you ever felt like Peter, needing to fall on your knees before the Lord. Describe the circumstances.
10. [5:21] Jesus is accused of blasphemies. The scribes were upset by Jesus’ actions. At times, why are our hearts closed to the love of God?
11. [5:26] “Today we have seen marvelous things” (After the miracle of the leper and of the paralytic) Explain a time when you observed “marvelous things”.
12. [5:32] Do you find it comforting that Jesus came for sinners, or do you wish the sinners would just go to hell and be done with it?
13. When the religious leadership questions Jesus’ ministry; Jesus talks about new patches on old clothing, and new wine skins. Perhaps it is a metaphor for a new way of looking at the word of God. Your thoughts?
14. This week’s readings have many healings and changes of heart. If all on earth were healthy would we have a need for God? If our hearts were full

of love would we have need for God? Is part of our human existence require a need for the divine? Explain your thoughts.

