



12

Days of
Christmas



For those who
want to see
JESUS

A STUDY THROUGH THE GOSPEL OF LUKE



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MERRY CHRISTMAS 2023!

1st

DAY OF CHRISTMAS

~~A PARTRIDGE IN A PEAR TREE~~
A SAVIOR WHOSE BORN FOR ME!
LUKE 1-2

*"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a **Savior**, who is Christ the Lord."
~Luke 2:11*

Jesus was born to save you!

At least, that's what the angel said if you are here to hear it.

The goal of this 12 Days Of Christmas devotional is to pay closer attention to what we have heard about Jesus than ever before (**Hebrews 2:1**). I am praying you will have a sincere and pure devotion to Christ (**2 Corinthians 11:3**).

The only way that is going to happen is if you actually open The Book and take a look. (You can't just read this little booklet.) You at least need to read the chapters of Luke each day. If you look up all the verses referenced then you will really be searching for Jesus, to experience his revival that comes from the Bible!

But let's pay closer attention to the angel ("angelos" = messenger). This is the angel of the Lord, a messenger from God in heaven. The angel gives the birth announcement in Luke 2:10-12. Notice how the angel does not use the name Jesus. Instead he uses the title Savior, because this is exactly what the name Jesus means! This goes along with what the angel said to Joseph:

She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. ~**Matthew 1:21**

But who exactly is the angel speaking to? Is it just the shepherds? Notice how the angel says in Luke 2:10 this is "good news of great joy that will be for all the people." Also, notice how in Luke 2:12 the angel says "And this will be a sign for you...". This language is very similar to the prophecy in **Isaiah 7-9** of a child being born.

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. ~**Isaiah 7:14**

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ~**Isaiah 9:6**

So far, the birth announcement of the angel has taught us two simple, but profound truths.

~Jesus was born to be "a Savior."

~Jesus was born "to us."

The promise of this good news is that it will bring us "great joy." This is μέγας χαρά (megas chara) in the Greek and it is exactly what the disciples have by the end of the Gospel of Luke in **Luke 24:52**. This is what I am praying you will have from reading and studying about Jesus through these 12 Days Of Christmas.

This brings us to our 1st FELLOWSHIP QUESTION OF THE DAY. This is a question for you to answer and share with others. You can share with your family, other people you live with, or friends from your small group over text or email. Today's question is:

WHAT DID JESUS COME TO SAVE YOU FROM?

Note: You cannot just say the answer is "sin." What specific sins do you need to be saved from? Without Jesus, what would happen to you because of your sins? Can you find a Bible verse that specifically answers the question of what Jesus saved you from?

Jesus was born to save you!



2nd DAY OF CHRISTMAS

TWO TURTLE DOVES
TWO TESTAMENTS
LUKE 3-4

Jesus was written about long before he was born!

Jesus had a forerunner in John the Baptist. All four gospels quote **Isaiah 40** about “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord...’” But only The Gospel Of Luke quotes this line:

“And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”
~Luke 3:6

The Gospel Of Luke is going to make the point over and over again that salvation is not just for the Jews, but for all people in Jesus. Yes, even you!

In fact, in Luke 3, we have a genealogy. A lot of people today skip over these genealogies. However, if you pay closer attention, you will see this genealogy is not the same as the one in **Matthew 1**. In Matthew, he established the royal line of Jesus from the promise to Abraham and the throne of David. Matthew is proving Jesus is the king of the Jews. However, Luke is tracing the genealogy of Jesus back to a different point.

For most of my life, I have compared these two genealogies and tried to figure out how they work. Does the one in Matthew follow the line of Joseph, while the one in Luke follows the line of Mary? Only this year, did I see the point Luke is actually making in his genealogy. He is tracing Jesus all the way back to Adam. He is showing Jesus goes back to the first man, that Jesus is for all of us. Luke does this right before he describes Jesus being tempted by Satan. However, unlike what happened in **Genesis 3**, Jesus resists the temptation of Satan and establishes a new track record of righteousness. This righteousness that will be given to all who believe.

“It is written...” It is instructive for us to see how Jesus resists the temptations of Satan. Three times he is tempted. Three times he quotes Scripture in response. (In fact, all three times Jesus quotes Deuteronomy which, Lord willing, we are going to read together as a church in 2024!). There was not just Scripture written about Jesus, but Jesus knew the sacred writings to fulfill them himself. This is what he says when he reads from **Isaiah 61** in the synagogue of his hometown Nazareth:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
Because he has anointed me
To proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives
And recovery of sight to the blind,
To set at liberty those who are oppressed,
To proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”
And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” ~Luke 4:18-21

Jesus fulfills the prophecies that have been written for us in the Hebrew Bible. (pleroo= to fulfill is also used in **Luke 24:44**) For everyone with the eyes to see, prophecy is a compelling reason to believe in Jesus.

Unfortunately, the people in Jesus’ hometown of Nazareth did not believe in him. In fact, they tried to throw him off of a cliff! The people in Nazareth, were not willing to see who Jesus was because they were not willing to see themselves. They were not willing to see they were “poor,” “captives,” “blind” or “oppressed.” They did not see how Jesus fulfilled what God had written, because they would not acknowledge their need for Jesus to save them. They rejected Jesus. But what about you? Do you need Jesus?

This brings us to our 2nd FELLOWSHIP QUESTION OF THE DAY:

WHAT IS A SPECIFIC WRITTEN PROPHECY JESUS FULFILLS?

To answer this question you will need not just a Bible verse to quote, but an explanation. How does Jesus fulfill this prophecy and what does it mean for you personally? Once you have this verse be sure to share it with your family. Maybe even text it to your friends. How about posting it on any social media you have? It is written. So let it be read.

Jesus was written about long before he was born!



3rd DAY OF CHRISTMAS

THREE FRENCH HENS THERE'S MY SINS LUKE 5-6

"But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.' For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken... ~Luke 5:8-9

I was on a boat on The Sea of Galilee.

There were 99 others from our church with me.

It was one of the most profound moments of my life because it seemed as if Jesus was there with us too.

We opened up our Bibles to study the miracles Jesus did there. How he calmed the waves. How he walked on that water. We even studied this account in Luke 5 of this astonishing catch of fish.

There were tears. There was worship. Not just because these miracles made us in awe of Jesus, but because of what they said about us.

To see Jesus in all his miraculous power was to see him as God. And to see Jesus as divine, was to see us as human.

We are sinners.

Out of all the stories of Jesus and his disciples on The Sea of Galilee, nothing grips my soul as much as what Peter says here. He suddenly realizes who he is in the boat with. And it is in that moment Peter sees himself as a sinful man before the Lord.

In The Gospel of Luke, Jesus does many miracles not just to prove that he has the power to heal our bodies, but also he has authority to forgive our sins.

"And when he saw their faith, he said, 'Man, your sins are forgiven you.' ~Luke 5:20

The Pharisees found what Jesus says here very controversial because they understood he was claiming to be God.

The Pharisees also had problems when Jesus called Levi to follow him and had a meal with other tax collectors because they were sinners.

The self-righteous, religious Pharisees could not see why Jesus was born. They could not see his purpose for coming on Christmas.

"I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance." ~Luke 5:32

In the Greek language the word for "sinners" here is ἁμαρτωλός (hamartolos) which is used 18 times in The Gospel Of Luke.

Jesus came so that sinners like us might see who he is and turn from our sins to follow him. This is what the tax collector Levi did (also known as Matthew). He left behind his business that brought him a lot of money, even if it was obtained in sinful ways. He decided it was worth it to follow Jesus. Repentance is this change of mind. Repentance is turning from what we were living for before, to follow Jesus as a disciple.

This brings us to our 3rd FELLOWSHIP QUESTION OF THE DAY:

WHEN DID YOU REPENT?

What Bible verse would you use to describe yourself as a sinner? What is the life-defining sin you needed to turn from? How has your life changed since you turned to follow Jesus? How can you share your testimony to encourage your family and friends this Christmas break?

When Jesus said he came to save sinners, he was saying he came to save you!



4th

DAY OF CHRISTMAS

FOUR CALLING BIRDS

FAITH CALLING WORDS

LUKE 7-8

*When Jesus heard these things, he marveled at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, said, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith."
~Luke 7:9*

As we read The Gospel Of Luke, it will become clear that what Jesus is looking for. Jesus wants to see if we have faith (πίστις "pistis").

Just in the two chapters of Luke we are reading today, Jesus tells a sinful woman who shows love to him that "your faith has saved you." (Luke 7:50) Jesus rebukes the wind and the waves in the boat with his disciples and then asks them, "Where is your faith?" (Luke 8:25) Jesus tells an unclean woman with a bloody discharge who touches him, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." (Luke 8:48) He even tells a father who is concerned his daughter has died, "Do not fear; only believe, and she will be well." (Luke 8:50)

Later on in Luke, Jesus is going to say, "...Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" (**Luke 18:8**)

Jesus wants to find faith, not just with the Jews, but with all people. So the question becomes what does Jesus see when he looks at you and me? Does he find faith?

And how do we get faith?

Even a mustard seed of faith is not something you and I can muster up by our own strength.

"So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ."
~**Romans 10:17**

If we want to be people of faith, then we need to hear the word of Christ. We need to pay closer attention to what Jesus is saying in Luke. We need to make sure we never neglect the great salvation we have through the hearing of his gospel (**Hebrews 2:1-4**).

This brings us to our 4th FELLOWSHIP QUESTION OF THE DAY:

What Scripture inspires you to have faith in Jesus?

After you identify a specific verse you may want to take time to meditate on it and even to memorize it, so you can call it to mind when you are tempted to doubt. Who can you share this verse with among your family or friends? Maybe there is someone who needs to hear this verse about Jesus.

In my life, I have one clear goal. When Jesus comes back, I want him to find me as a person who has faith. I hope he finds you too!



5th

DAY OF CHRISTMAS

FIVE GOLDEN RINGS

HE IS THE CHRIST!

LUKE 9-10

In the traditional song, The Twelve Days of Christmas, the fifth day is the big one. Everyone sings with gusto “Five golden rings!” Well, as it turns out, the 5th Day of Christmas in reading through Luke is our biggest day yet too! This is something worth singing about! Jesus is the **Christ**!

*Then he said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” And Peter answered, “The **Christ** of God.” ~Luke 9:20*

This is the turning point in the story of Jesus. Not just in The Gospel Of Luke, but you can also find it in **Matthew 16:16** and **Mark 8:29**.

This revelation, that Jesus is the **Christ**, is the foundation he is still building his church on 2,000 years later on the other side of the world in Huntington Beach.

Peter’s answer to the question of who Jesus is, takes us back to where we started in Luke on the 1st Day of Christmas:

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is **Christ** the Lord. ~Luke 2:11

Christ comes from the Greek word **Χριστός**. Instead of being translated into English like usual, this word is transliterated. This means the translators took the Greek word and put it into English letters. The word means “anointed one.” It comes from the Hebrew word “Messiah.” The angel wasn’t just telling us Jesus was coming to save us, but that Jesus was sent from God!

Once Peter confesses who Jesus is, Jesus begins to tell his disciples what he is going to do. In Luke 9:22, Jesus tells them he will “...be killed, and on the third day be raised.” Jesus says this to his disciples again in **Luke 18:33**. Even the angels quote Jesus saying this in **Luke 24:7**. At the end of this gospel in **Luke 24:46** this is quoted as what the prophets were writing about and what needs to be proclaimed in Jesus’ name to all nations.

This brings us to our 5th FELLOWSHIP QUESTION OF THE DAY:

WRITE OUT A DEFINITION OF THE GOSPEL.

According to **1 Corinthians 15:3-4** there are three essential elements of the gospel. Does your definition include all three? How can you learn this definition together as a family? Who can you share this good news with today?

The one who came to save sinners was killed by sinners. At first this shocked the disciples, but now it is the good news that shakes the world.



6th

DAY OF CHRISTMAS

~~SIX GEESE A LAYING~~
ON KNEES A-PRAYING
LUKE 11-12

Have you noticed how much Jesus prays in The Gospel Of Luke?

Luke 5:16 gives the impression he would actively withdraw to desolate places and pray.

Luke 6:12 says he went out to the mountain to pray, continuing all night in his prayer to God!

Luke 9:18 says Jesus was praying when he had the conversation with his disciples about how he was the Christ.

Luke 9:28-29 says Jesus was praying with some of his disciples up on the mountain when he was transfigured into glory.

If you noticed all of this prayer, you aren't the only one. The disciples noticed Jesus praying to. That's why they asked Jesus to teach them how to pray.

Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ~Luke 11:1

I am not saying Jesus was praying to be noticed by the disciples. In **Matthew 6:5-6**, Jesus taught us not to pray to be seen by others, but to pray in the secret place to the Father. However, Jesus prayed so much that the people closest to him noticed he spent a lot of his time and space with God. Would anyone notice this about you?

#1. In Luke 11:2-4, Jesus taught his disciples to pray what is of **most importance**. Before we pray for our daily physical needs, even before we pray for our daily sanctification to confess or put off sin, Jesus taught us to pray for God's requests. We are praying for God to make his name known. We are praying for the things of his glory, even before we pray for our own good.

#2. In Luke 11:5-8, Jesus taught his disciples to pray with **impudence**. Now, I am not ashamed to say I had to look up the word "impudent." The first definition I came across online was "the quality of being impudent." Hmm... I was taught you cannot use a form of the word to define a word! Is there no restraint anymore?! Is there no respect?! And that is what impudence means: It is to ask God with such an "audacity" it would be seen as disrespectful if what is asked for was not needed and worthy of his name's sake. Our God is not sleeping in the middle of the night, but he is always ready to be "disturbed" or "bothered" by our prayers.

#3. In Luke 11:9-10, Jesus taught his disciples to pray with **persistence**. Jesus teaches that if we are really praying with faith, we will keep praying until God answers us. I have heard it said today that God answers with "yes," "no," or "maybe." But that is NOT what Jesus teaches here. Everyone who asks receives. In **Luke 18:1-8**, Jesus gives the parable of the persistent widow. Even though the judge does not fear God nor respect man, he answers the widow's request just because she keeps asking. How much more will our Father in heaven answer us when we keep asking him?

This brings us to our 6th FELLOWSHIP QUESTION OF THE DAY:

WRITE OUT A PRAYER TO GOD.

What are you going to ask for that is worthy of knocking on his door?



7th

DAY OF CHRISTMAS

~~SEVEN SWANS A SWIMMING~~

MANY JEWS RE-JECTING

LUKE 13-14

Every time our church takes a trip to Israel, there is a heaviness that comes upon us when we come to the city of Jerusalem.

Slowly but surely, people will begin to ask me, “Why does it seem like no one believes in Jesus here?”

The Jews who pray at the Western Wall do not seem interested in Jesus.

The Muslims who pray on top of the Temple Mount do not seem interested in Jesus.

Even the “Christians” at The Church Of The Holy Sepulcher are wearing long robes and lighting incense and do not seem interested in Jesus.

We came across the world to follow the footsteps of Jesus, so why did it seem like those who lived here had rejected him?

This is not just how it feels when we take a trip to Jerusalem today.

This is how Jesus felt when he was in Jerusalem too.

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ~Luke 13:34

In **Luke 4:28-30**, Jesus was rejected by his hometown of Nazareth.

In **Luke 10:13-15**, Jesus pronounced “Woe” on Chorazin, Bethsaida and Capernaum. These were the three villages by the Sea of Galilee where he did most of his miracles and teachings, but they would not repent.

If Jesus was rejected wherever he went in his life, then why do we think we will follow Jesus and be accepted by the world today?

By this point in The Gospel Of Luke, we should see that the rejection of Jesus is a part of the story.

In Luke 13:23, Jesus is asked, “Lord, will those who are saved be few?”

In Luke 14:16, Jesus tells the parable of a man who once gave a great banquet and invited many. But many made excuses as to why they could not come.

In Luke 14:25-33, at the height of his popularity, Jesus challenged the crowds following him to count the cost. Were they willing to follow Jesus even if it cost their closest personal relationships?

This brings us to our 7th FELLOWSHIP QUESTION OF THE DAY:

WHAT DOES IT COST FOR YOU TO FOLLOW JESUS?

Are you willing to lose this life? Because that is exactly what it cost Jesus to save you!



8th

DAY OF CHRISTMAS

~~EIGHT MAIDS A-MILKING~~

ANGELS RE-JOICING

LUKE 15-16

Let's go back to our Christmas Eve service.

Were you there when the gospel rang out? Did you hear the church sing "O come let us adore him?"

What if at that service there was a soul who had their eyes opened to see Jesus for the first time? What if they had been reading The Gospel Of Luke ever since and today they chose to repent?

Cue the angels!

Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents." ~Luke 15:10

In Luke 15, the Pharisees, once again, are grumbling against Jesus associating with sinners.

So Jesus tells them three parables: the parable of the lost sheep, the parable of the lost coin, and the parable of the lost son.

His point is they are missing the point.

God wants sinners to be saved (**Ezekiel 18:32, Zephaniah 3:17, 1 Timothy 2:4 & 2 Peter 3:9**)!

Whenever someone turns to God here on earth, there is rejoicing among the angels in heaven because they are taking their cue from God himself.

Here Jesus gives us one of the most beautiful pictures of God in the Bible: a father running to welcome home his prodigal son.

Now, this is not about a Christian backsliding and then coming back to God. Don't let the fact that the story is about a son confuse you. The sheep was lost. The coin was lost. The father says, "For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found." And they began to celebrate (Luke 15:24)."

The context of these parables is the sinners are coming to Jesus and he is welcoming them.

If there is ever a day in my life that I am not praying for God to save souls, then I have missed the point of that day.

This leads us to our 8th FELLOWSHIP QUESTION OF THE DAY:

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU SAW GOD SAVE A SOUL?

As you remember this soul, can you imagine the angels in heaven rejoicing as they take their cues from God? How does this memory inspire you to pray for more souls to be saved in 2024? Who's next?



9th

DAY OF CHRISTMAS

NINE LADIES DANCING

NINE LEPERS WALKING

LUKE 17-18

10 lepers went to show themselves to the priest just like Leviticus says.

Only 1 leper turned back to give Jesus thanks.

Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ~Luke 17:17-18

Luke makes the point to tell us that the one leper who returned to Jesus was a Samaritan. This is consistent with his theme that Jesus didn’t just come to save the Jews, but all people.

As we come to 2024, it is scary to think that we might just keep walking without giving thanks to Jesus for what he has already done for us.

This brings us to our 9th FELLOWSHIP QUESTION OF THE DAY:

WRITE DOWN 23 THINGS TO THANK JESUS FOR FROM 2023!

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10th

DAY OF CHRISTMAS

~~TEN LORDS A LEAPING~~
LOST SOULS A-SEEKING
LUKE 19-20

When I was a freshman in high school I tried out for the football team.

Turns out they were not cutting anyone, so I made it.

After a few practices, I announced to my family at the dinner table that I was going to quit.

My dad said, “No you’re not.”

And that was the end of that conversation.

The reason I wanted to quit was because of when we took our team pictures. We all lined up in the order of height. I was last.

You see, I was the shortest player on my football team.

Once everyone else saw this, I became their favorite person to practice against.

I heard a lot of short jokes that season.

Perhaps that is why I love the story of Zacchaeus, because he was small in stature. I can relate.

It seems like Zacchaeus is seeking Jesus by climbing the sycamore tree, until Jesus invites himself over to Zacchaeus’ house.

And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”
~Luke 19:9-10

Jesus is seeking all who have fallen short (**Romans 3:23**). I can relate. Maybe you can too?

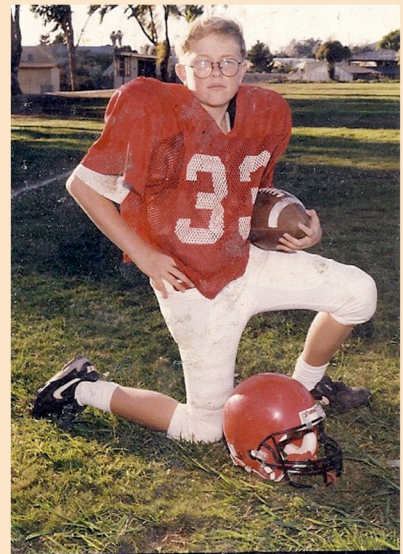
The story of Jesus coming to save us is not just for Christmas time or Luke 2. My prayer is you can see Jesus coming to save us is the theme of not just one chapter, but the entire Gospel of Luke.

Back in **Luke 9:51**, Jesus set his face to go to Jerusalem. Now in Luke 19, he makes his triumphal entry into the city where he is going to die. Jesus was on a mission to seek and to save the entire time.

Read Ezekiel 34:11-16 as we come to our 10th FELLOWSHIP QUESTION OF THE DAY:

FIND AN OLD PICTURE OF YOURSELF TO REMEMBER THAT JESUS CAME TO SAVE YOU.

Put this picture somewhere where you will see it to remember that you did not seek Jesus but he sought you. Who could you share this picture with? How can you share with those people that Jesus came to seek and to save.



11th

DAY OF CHRISTMAS

ELEVEN PIPERS PIPING
ELEVEN DISCIPLES REMAINING
LUKE 21-22

Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was of the number of the twelve. ~Luke 22:3

We have now reached the Last Supper.

It is the night before Jesus is going to die for our sins.

Jesus says that one of them will betray him, but the disciples do not know who it is:

And they began to question one another, which of them it could be who was going to do this. ~Luke 22:23

In my life, I have seen close friends fall away from faith in Jesus.

I didn't see it coming either.

I don't really like to talk about this very much because it hurts.

For me, the hardest part about following Jesus has been to love others who I thought were following Jesus with me, only to see them fall away.

But Judas wasn't the only disciple Satan was after.

"Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers." ~Luke 22:31-32

What an encouraging thought that Jesus is praying for Peter!

What an encouraging thought that even when Peter falls, he can repent and continue following Jesus!

What an encouraging thought that Peter can strengthen other believers so that they will not fall as well!

After the supper in the upper room, the scene shifts to the Garden of Gethsemane at the base of the Mount of Olives.

And when he came to the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation." ~Luke 22:40

Unfortunately, Jesus finds the disciples sleeping and then Judas comes to betray him with a kiss.

We need to watch and pray so that we will not fall but remain in our faith in Christ until we see him on that day!

Read John 17 and it will bring us to our 11th FELLOWSHIP QUESTION OF THE DAY:

WHAT DID JESUS PRAY FOR YOU SO THAT YOU MAY NOT FALL?

Write down the names of 11 disciples that you don't want to see fall away from the faith. What are you going to pray for them?

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12th

DAY OF CHRISTMAS
~~TWELVE DRUMMERS DRUMMING~~
THE LORD HAS RISEN INDEED!
LUKE 23-24

So how did you do on The 12 Days Of Christmas? Did you pay closer attention to the gospel than you ever have before (**Hebrews 2:1**)?

In these last two chapters, we read the gospel within The Gospel Of Luke. This is the death and resurrection of our Savior, the Christ. But... there is one more thing we need to see about Jesus before we are done.

“...But when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.”
~Luke 24:3

Notice how they use the title “Lord” to describe Jesus. This goes all the way back to how the angel introduced him at his birth in **Luke 2:11**: “...a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”

The title of “Lord” is definitely how Jesus is known after his resurrection:

“...Saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!”
~Luke 24:34

The Greek word for Lord here is **κύριος** (kurios), which is used over 100 times in The Gospel Of Luke. The resurrection does not end with the empty tomb. It leads to the ascension in **Acts 1**. It leads to the exaltation of Jesus to the right hand of God in heaven (**Ephesians 1:20-23, Philippians 2:9-11**). It leads to Jesus having all authority in heaven and on earth and commissioning us to go and make disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to observe all he commanded (**Matthew 28:18-20**).

“Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you?” ~**Luke 6:46**

This verse brings us to our 12th FELLOWSHIP QUESTION OF THE DAY:

WHAT COMMAND OF THE LORD JESUS ARE YOU GOING TO FOCUS ON OBEYING FOR 2024?

Pick a specific verse. Who can you share this command with so they can pray for you and encourage you to obey?

If you are reading this little booklet all the way to the end, I want to thank you for bearing with me. I pray you read The Gospel Of Luke all the way to the end even more. Reading the Bible with our little church here in Huntington Beach has become the passion of my life and I want to keep getting better and better at it.

I pray God will give us the revival that comes from the Bible and I hope to see you for more Scripture of the Day until the day comes for us to see Jesus, the risen Lord unveiled in all of his glory. I hope to see you there, my friend.

