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The Gospel of **LUKE**

The King and His Kingdom

Luke 3:21 to Luke 9:50

The Greatest Sermon Ever Preached



~ Carl Heinrich Bloch (1834–1890)

The Sermon On the Mount, 1877

oil on copper

104 × 92 cm (40.9 × 36.2 in)

Museum of National History at Frederiksborg

Castle

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Part One

Your **SOUL's** happiness is set on Jesus (Luke 6:20-26)

Part Two

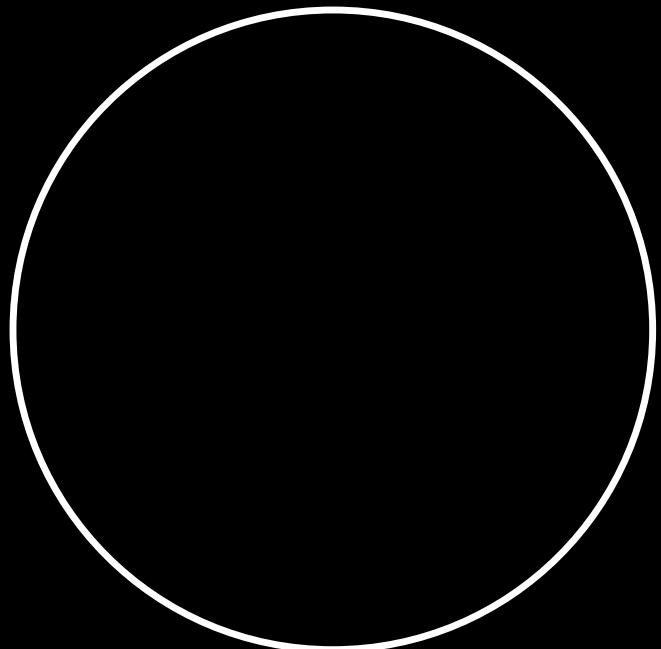
Your **HEART** is filled with love for all (Luke 6:27-36)

Part Three

Your **RELATIONSHIPS** are generous (Luke 6:37-42)

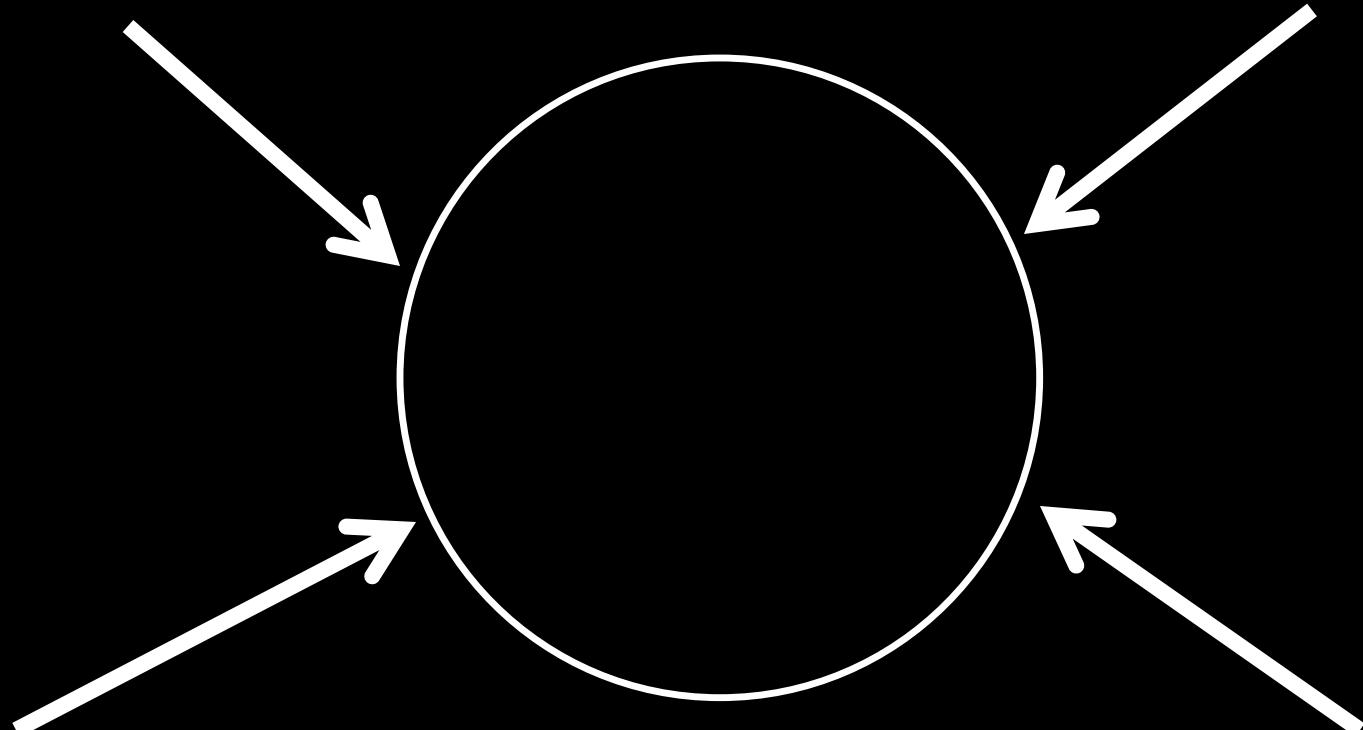
Part Four

Your **BELIEFS** have solid foundations (Luke 6:43-49)



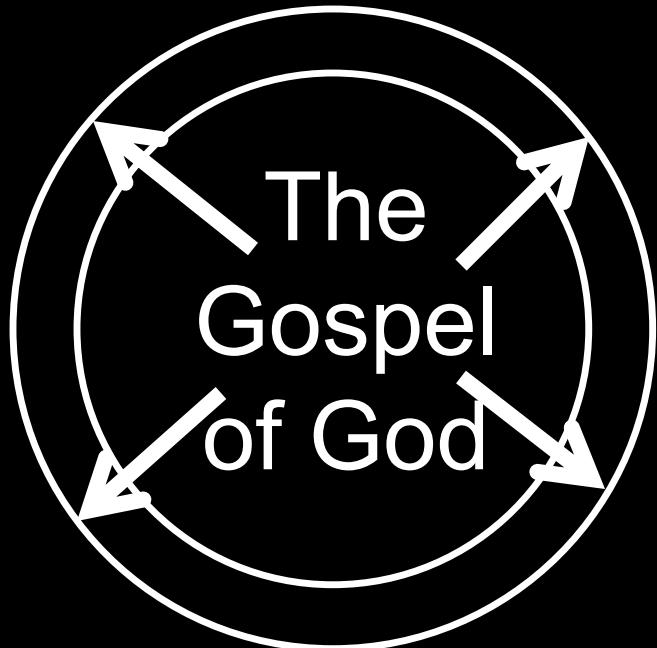
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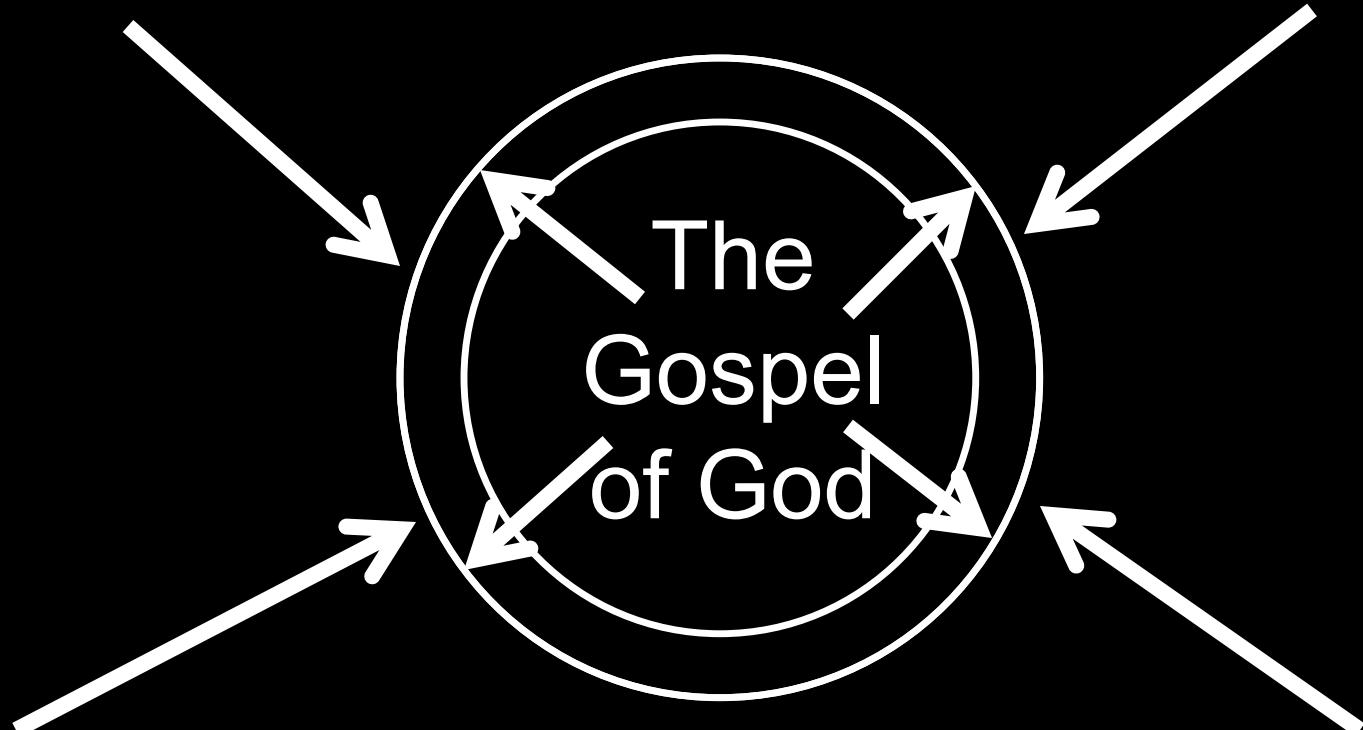
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The
Gospel
of God



EXPLOITERS (6:29)

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1 John 4:19

We love because he first loved us.



Luke 6:43-49

46“Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say? 47As for everyone who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice, I will show you what they are like. 48They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built.

- **The Wise and Foolish Builders (6:46-49)**
- **The Faith of the Centurion (7:1-10)**
- **Jesus Raises a Widow's Son (7:11-17)**
- **Jesus and John the Baptist (7:18-35)**
- **Jesus Anointed by a Sinful Woman (7:36-50)**
- **The Parable of the Sower (8:1-15)**
- **A Lamp on a Stand (8:16-18)**
- **Jesus' Mother and Brothers (8:19-21)**
- **Jesus Calms the Storm (8:22-25)**
- **Jesus Restores a Demon-Possessed Man (8:26-39)**
- **Jesus Raises a Dead Girl and Heals a Sick Woman (8:40-56)**
- **Jesus Sends Out the Twelve (9:1-9)**
- **Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand (9:10-17)**
- **Peter Declares That Jesus Is the Messiah (9:18-20)**
- **Jesus Predicts His Death (9:21-27)**
- **The Transfiguration (9:28-36)**
- **Jesus Heals a Demon-Possessed Boy (9:37-43)**
- **Jesus Predicts His Death a Second Time (9:43-50)**
- **Samaritan Opposition (9:51-56)**
- **The Cost of Following Jesus (9:57-62)**

Luke 9:51

When the days drew near for him to be taken up,
he set his face to go to Jerusalem.

The Gospel of **LUKE**

Selling His Face To Jerusalem

Luke 9:51 To Luke 19:44

Today's Message:

"The Sending of the Seventy-Two"

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Luke 9:57-62

⁵⁷As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.”

⁵⁸Jesus replied, “Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.”

Luke 9:57-62

⁵⁹He said to another man, “Follow me.”
But he replied, “Lord, first let me go and
bury my father.”

⁶⁰Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead,
but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.”

Luke 9:57-62

⁶¹Still another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family.”

⁶²Jesus replied, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.”

The next step in following Jesus

“The task”

Luke 10:1

¹After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go.

Luke 9:1-6

¹When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, ²and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. ³He told them: “Take nothing for the journey – no staff, no bag, no bread, no money, no extra shirt. ⁴Whatever house you enter, stay there until you leave that town. ⁵If people do not welcome you, leave their town and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.” ⁶So they set out and went from village to village, proclaiming the good news and healing people everywhere.

Luke 9:49-50

49“Master,” said John, “we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we tried to stop him, because he is not one of us.”

50“Do not stop him,” Jesus said, “for whoever is not against you is for you.”

Luke 22:35-38

³⁵Then Jesus asked them, “When I sent you without purse, bag or sandals, did you lack anything?”

“Nothing,” they answered.

³⁶He said to them, “But now if you have a purse, take it, and also a bag; and if you don’t have a sword, sell your cloak and buy one. ³⁷It is written: ‘And he was numbered with the transgressors’; and I tell you that this must be fulfilled in

me. Yes, what is written about me is
reaching its fulfillment.”

³⁸The disciples said, “See, Lord, here are two swords.”
“That’s enough!” he replied.

Luke 24:45-59

45Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. 46He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, 47and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48You are witnesses of these things. 49I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.

Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

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Luke 10:4

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Luke 10:5-6

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6. Accept what people give you

Luke 10:7-8

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The working out of God's plan through Jesus does not signify the absence of judgment in that plan...

~ Joel B. Green, *The Gospel of Luke*, The New International Commentary on the New Testament (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1997), 416.

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The Centrality of Jesus Christ

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“I saw Satan fall like lightning”

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In [Luke] 1:68-79 (esp. 1:71, 74), speaking on behalf of God, Zechariah had characterized salvation as deliverance from the hands of our enemies. Because Luke-Acts does not document Israel's rescue from Rome, Zechariah's words have puzzled some readers of Luke. Here, however, a key interpretive move is introduced. This is the explicit identification of Satan as the real “enemy” that is to be overcome. Rome is not the adversary, only one of its partners, joined by many others;

in the current scene Satan's minions are referred to as "snakes and scorpions" and, more generally, by all that would "harm" these messengers – that is, reject the good news manifest in Jesus', and their, redemptive activity. When it is recognized that Luke identifies "the enemy" as the cosmic power of evil resident and active behind all forms of opposition to God and God's people, it is plain that Zechariah's hope has not been dashed but clarified and, indeed, radicalized.

The Centrality of Jesus Christ

The Authority give to Jesus' followers

Luke 10:19

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Real Joy

Luke 10:20

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This allusion to names being written down would be clearly understood by his contemporaries, as it was customary when a child was born, for its family to have the name of that child registered as being a part of the family. When someone enters into the kingdom of God his name is inscribed on the register of the kingdom of heaven. If you are in Christ your name is written down in the Lamb's book of life.

~ R. C. Sproul, *A Walk with God: An Exposition of Luke* (Christian Focus Publications, 1999), 222.

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Luke 10:21-24

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Matthew 28:18-20

¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”