

## Hearing the Word-The Temptation of Christ in Luke

### The Large Blocks of Luke:

**Luke 1-4:13 Jesus, the Son of God, the Savior of the World**

**Luke 4:14-9:50 Jesus Brings the Kingdom of God to the Children of Israel**

**Luke 9:51-19:27 Jesus Teaches the Kingdom of God along the Way to Jerusalem**

**Luke 19:28-23:56 Jesus Establishes the Kingdom of God in Jerusalem**

**Luke 24 Jesus Reigns From Jerusalem to the Ends of the Cosmos**

### Luke 13:31-35

<sup>31</sup>At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus], “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.”

<sup>32</sup>And he said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course. <sup>33</sup>Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.’”

<sup>34</sup>“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 would not! <sup>35</sup>Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’”

- Luke and Rick Steves both enjoy a good travel story-The big picture of 9:51-19:27
- Jerusalem and the Temple: Characters with their own story line in the Gospel of Luke

ESV Luke 1:9 according to the custom of the priesthood, he was chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense.

ESV Luke 1:21 And the people were waiting for Zechariah, and they were wondering at his delay in the temple.

ESV Luke 1:22 And when he came out, he was unable to speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the temple. And he kept making signs to them and remained mute.

ESV Luke 2:22 And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord

ESV Luke 2:25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

ESV Luke 2:27 And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law,

ESV Luke 2:37 and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day.

ESV Luke 2:38 And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

ESV Luke 2:41 Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover.

ESV Luke 2:43 And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it,

ESV Luke 2:45 and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him.

ESV Luke 2:46 After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.

ESV Luke 4:9 And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here,

ESV Luke 5:17 On one of those days, as he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there, who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with him to heal.

ESV Luke 6:17 And he came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon,

ESV Luke 9:31 who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

ESV Luke 9:51 When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem.

ESV Luke 9:53 But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem.

ESV Luke 10:30 Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead.

ESV Luke 13:4 Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem?

ESV Luke 13:22 He went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem.

ESV Luke 13:33 Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.'

ESV Luke 13:34 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 would not!

ESV Luke 17:11 On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee.

ESV Luke 18:10 "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

ESV Luke 18:31 And taking the twelve, he said to them, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished.

ESV Luke 19:11 As they heard these things, he proceeded to tell a parable, because he was near to Jerusalem, and because they supposed that the kingdom of God was to appear immediately.

ESV Luke 19:28 And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

ESV Luke 19:45 And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold,

ESV Luke 19:47 And he was teaching daily in the temple. The chief priests and the scribes and the principal men of the people were seeking to destroy him,

ESV Luke 20:1 One day, as Jesus was teaching the people in the temple and preaching the gospel, the chief priests and the scribes with the elders came up

ESV Luke 21:5 And while some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, he said,

ESV Luke 21:20 "But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near.

ESV Luke 21:24 They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

ESV Luke 21:37 And every day he was teaching in the temple, but at night he went out and lodged on the mount called Olivet.

ESV Luke 21:38 And early in the morning all the people came to him in the temple to hear him.

ESV Luke 22:52 Then Jesus said to the chief priests and officers of the temple and elders, who had come out against him, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs?

ESV Luke 22:53 When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness."

ESV Luke 23:7 And when he learned that he belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him over to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time.

ESV Luke 23:28 But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.

ESV Luke 23:45 while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two.

ESV Luke 24:13 That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem,

ESV Luke 24:18 Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

ESV Luke 24:33 And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together,

ESV Luke 24:47 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

ESV Luke 24:52 And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy,

ESV Luke 24:53 and were continually in the temple blessing God.

What themes does Luke associate with Jerusalem?

What themes does Luke associate with the Temple?

For further background on some of these themes read Solomon's Temple Dedication Prayer in 1 Kings 8 contrasted with Jeremiah's Temple Sermon in Jeremiah 7.

Significant details:

Good Pharisees or Bad Pharisees?

What about Herod? Why does Jesus refer to him as a "fox"?

What does Jesus mean by "today and tomorrow, and on the third day"?

"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 would not!" What does this mean?

"<sup>35</sup>Behold, your house is forsaken." – What does this mean?

And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'"  
See Psalm 118:26; Luke 19:38 – (See also Matthew 23:39)

Other Questions?

## Hearing Luther's Small Catechism

### 4. What is the key to the correct understanding of the Bible?

Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world, is the heart and center of the Scripture and therefore the key to its true meaning.

17 **John 5:39** These are the Scriptures that testify about Me.

18 **Acts 10:43** All the prophets testify about Him that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name.

19 **John 1:18** No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made Him known.

20 **2 Tim. 3:15** From infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Bible narrative: Jesus revealed Himself as the center of Scripture (Luke 24:13-27).

### 5. How is human reason to be used in understanding Holy Scripture?

A. Holy Scripture is given in human language. To determine what it says we need to apply the rules of language, such as grammar and logic. It is right to use reason as a servant of the text, but the guidance of the Holy Spirit is essential for its proper understanding.

21 **Ps. 119:73** Give me understanding to learn Your commands.

22 **Matt. 13:19** When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart.

23 **Matt. 22:37** Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

24 **Acts 17:11** They received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.

B. Unlike all other books, Holy Scripture is God's Word and truth. It is wrong to question or deny the truthfulness of the sacred text (as happens, for example, with historical criticism).

25 **Rom. 3:4** Let God be true, and every man a liar. As it is written: "So that you may be proved right when you speak and prevail when you judge."

26 **2 Cor. 10:5** We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God.

27 **Col. 2:8** See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy.

28 **2 Peter 3:15-16** Our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him. He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.

### 6. What basic distinction must we keep in mind in order to understand the Bible?

We must sharply distinguish between the Law and the Gospel in the Bible.

29 **John 1:17** The law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

30 **2 Cor. 3:6** The letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

### **7. What does God teach and do in the Law?**

In the Law God commands good works of thought, word, and deed and condemns and punishes sin.

31 **Mark 12:30-31** Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. Love your neighbor as yourself.

32 **John 5:45** Your accuser is Moses, on whom your hopes are set.

33 **Rom. 3:20** Through the law we become conscious of sin.

### **8. What does God teach and do in the Gospel?**

In the Gospel, the good news of our salvation in Jesus Christ, God gives forgiveness, faith, life, and the power to please Him with good works.

34 **John 3:16** God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

35 **John 6:63** The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

36 **Rom. 1:16** I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes.

37 **Col. 1:6** All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God's grace in all its truth.

### **9. How does the Small Catechism sum up Christian doctrine?**

The Small Catechism sums up Christian doctrine by dividing it into six chief parts: the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, Confession, and the Sacrament of the Altar.

## Singing the Word

### Hymn of Invocation: How Firm a Foundation

LSB 728



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,  
3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose  
4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,



Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;  
My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply.



What more can He say than to you He has said  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,  
The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign



Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!  
Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.

- 5 "Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove  
My sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,  
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne."

