

The Gospel of Luke 5:12–6:19

Messiah Teaches Real Religion

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Structure of Luke's Gospel

- 1 Preface: Sponsor, method and purpose.
- 2 Birth narratives: Dawn of the promised new era.
- 3 John's mission: Introduce the Messiah.
- 4 **Jesus' mission: Messiah's message and work.**
- 5 Journey: Messianic signs and teaching. Luke 9:51
- 6 Jerusalem: Confront Israelite and Roman rulers.
- 7 Crucifixion: Last supper, arrest, trials, death.
- 8 Resurrection: Alive, appearance, and proofs.
- 9 Ascension: Gives Holy Spirit, mission to nations.

Read Luke 5:12-13

Leprosy.

The ability to use historical records to trace the spread and treatment of leprosy in antiquity is greatly limited by confusion over which skin diseases were being discussed.[8] Famously, the "leprosy" of most translations of the Bible as far back as the Septuagint represents a multilayered historical process of confusion. The state of ritual impurity known to the Hebrews as *tzara'ath* (צָרַעַת, "struck") seems to have been a conflation of various skin disorders, owing to the undeveloped state of medical science at that period. The Greek term employed to translate the Hebrew was *lépra* (λέπρα, "scaly"), which possessed an entirely separate diagnostic history which dealt with psoriasis and dandruff, only being applied to leprosy in a later period. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_leprosy]

Real healing

- Speak to Jesus: "If you are willing." Lk 5:12
- Call for the elders, confess sins, anoint with oil, and pray with faith. Ja 5:13-16
- Adopt a 'biblical' diet of non-inflammatory, whole, plant-based foods. Gn 1:29
- Consult with a medical professional before, during, and after making changes. Mt 9:12
- Avoid refined sugar, tobacco, vaping, alcohol, and chemical additives.

Read Luke 5:14-16

Real prayer

- Is neither boring nor difficult. Lk 5:16
- Involves as much listening and visioning as speaking. Ac 10:9-16
- Give thanks for recent answers. Co 4:2
- Repent of any recent sins. 1 Jn 1:9
- Make bold, audacious, 'god-sized' requests, for God is never offended. Phil 4:6
- (In groups, do not bore others, rehearsing details that God already knows.)

Read Luke 5:17-18

Real teaching

- Helpful, credible or verifiable content.
- Engages learners in discovery.
- Meets needs, answers questions.
- Includes goals and action steps.
- Fills a 'CAP gap' = leads to needed cognitive, affective and practical change.
- Respects cultural 'learning styles'.
- Includes data, proofs, tested outcomes.

Luke 5:19-20

Real forgiveness

- Real offenses were committed.
- The forgiver pays the cost.
- The forgiven is released from debt/guilt.
- Former friendship is renewed.
- Exploiters are left powerless.
- Further offenses can be avoided.
- Standards of right/wrong are upheld.
- A pattern is set for others to follow.

Read Luke 5:21-22 & 5:24-26

“Son of Man”

Biblical usage

- 1 Naturally: Any human being. Ez 1:1-8
 - 2 Personally: Jesus in his humanity. Mt 11.19
 - 3 Publicly: Jesus as Messiah. Mt 16:13-16
 - 4 Prophetically: The divine being who comes with clouds, 'like a son of man'. Dn 7:13-14
- Jesus used the phrase for himself in all its usages.

Read Luke 5:27-29

Real followers

- Suffer loss of former privileges/pleasures.
- Count the cost and compare the rewards.
- Obey their lord's commandments.
- Gain their lord's approval/companionship.
- Tell the truth about their lord's deeds.
- Exercise their lord's power & authority.
- Invite others to enjoy the same calling.
- Support abuse from their lord's enemies.
- Will share in their lord's future glory.

Read Luke 5:30-32

Real sinners and righteous

Sinners

- Not yet repentant and forgiven.
- Powerless to change themselves.
- Have no inheritance in God's kingdom.

Righteous

- Have repented and been 'born again'.
- Live to please God and to do what's right.
- Have hope of enjoying everlasting life.

Read Luke 5:30-32; 5:36-38

Read Luke 6:1-3; 6:4-5

Jesus: "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath." John 9:27

Religions

- 1 God demands
- 2 Submit to God
- 3 Dead prophet
- 4 Rigid rules
- 5 Try/work harder
- 6 God judges
- 7 No certainty
- 8 Other books
- 9 Costly rituals

Jesus Christ

- God offers free gifts
- Believe God's words
- Risen Savior
- Love God & others
- Receive his Holy Spirit
- God forgives
- Everlasting promise
- Bible only
- Baptism & communion

Read Luke 6:6-7; 6:8-9; 6:8-9; 6:10-11

Test: What are God's laws for?

- [] Obey or be damned?
- [] Learn wisdom?
- [] Our own good?
- [] Teach loyalty to Yahweh?
- [] Know God better?
- [] Earn our way to heaven?
- [] Facilitate civil society?

(Key: No, Yes, Yes, Yes, Yes, No, Yes)