

## WEEK 6—Luke 11-24

Moving into the second half of the third Gospel, what you read may sound repetitive. So try looking for new bits, or how Luke has sections you recall from Matthew and Mark, but in a different order. For example, in Matthew, the Lord's Prayer is part of Jesus' first extended teaching; in Luke, it follows a number of occasions when Jesus had interacted with small and large groups.

You can also notice sections that jump out, or speak to you in particular ways. For me, one of those is Jesus' word about treasures and hearts (Luke 12:34).

Did the 3 parables brought to one place (Luke 15) catch your attention? If so, why?

Jesus' story about Lazarus and the rich man (16:19-31) has been used by some to develop a picture of hell. How does that sound to you?

We sang songs about Zacchaeus (Luke 19) in Sunday School; he's a great one to show what a difference turning to Jesus can make in a life.

And then—again—Luke has an account of Jesus' passion (it starts at 19:28). This is such a powerful story—even if you read 3 versions of it in less than a month!

Luke includes some post-resurrection stories, too, like the one about disciples walking to Emmaus (24:13ff—a story only found in this Gospel; also, see the map below). And wouldn't you like to have been there when Jesus "opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures" (24:45)?

The ending of this Gospel is abrupt—though not as abrupt as Mark's—but it helps to remember that Luke has a sequel in mind. We'll get to that next week, when the reading of Acts begins.

Keep going—you're doing great!

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