



FOLLOWING CHRIST

Luke 14 & 15

DAY ONE

LUKE 14:1-6

Now it happened, as He went into the house of one of the rulers of the Pharisees to eat bread on the Sabbath, that they watched Him closely.

And behold, there was a certain man before Him who had dropsy.

And Jesus, answering, spoke to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?"

But they kept silent. And He took him and healed him, and let him go.

Then He answered them, saying, "Which of you, having a donkey or an ox that has fallen into a pit, will not immediately pull him out on the Sabbath day?"

And they could not answer Him regarding these things.

Word Meanings:

1. **dropsy:** a disease causing swelling of the arms and legs
2. **lawful:** obedient to the rules
3. **inconsistency:** a conflict between what one says and what one does
4. **regarding:** concerning, about

Questions:

1. Where had Jesus gone to eat bread on the Sabbath? _____

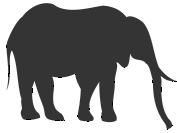
2. Who came and stood before Jesus? _____
3. What question did Jesus ask the lawyers and Pharisees? _____

4. How did they respond when Jesus asked them this question? _____
5. What two things did Jesus do? _____
6. What example did Jesus give them to show them their inconsistency? _____

7. What did they answer Jesus? _____

DAY TWO

LUKE 14:7-14



So He told a parable to those who were invited, when He noted how they chose the best places, saying to them:

"When you are invited by anyone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in the best place, lest one more honorable than you be invited by him;

"and he who invited you and him come and say to you, 'Give place to this man,' and then you begin with shame to take the lowest place.

"But when you are invited, go and sit down in the lowest place, so that when he who invited you comes he may say to you, 'Friend, go up higher.' Then you will have glory in the presence of those who sit at the table with you.

"For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Then He also said to him who invited Him, "When you give a dinner or a supper, do not ask your friends, your brothers, your relatives, nor rich neighbors, lest they also invite you back, and you be repaid.

"But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind.

"And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you; for you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

Word Meanings:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. humble: not arrogant or conceited (thinking you are better than others) 2. honorable: having a high position 3. shame: a painful feeling caused by doing something wrong or inappropriate | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4. exalts: gives high praise 5. hospitality: to entertain, provide a meal and give welcome to guests in your home |
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Questions:

1. What should you not do when you are invited to a wedding feast? _____
2. What uncomfortable thing might happen if you do? _____

3. How will you feel when you have to take the lowest place? _____
4. What should you do when you are invited? _____
5. What possibly might happen when you do this? _____

6. What will result from this action? _____

7. What did Jesus say would happen to those who exalt themselves? _____

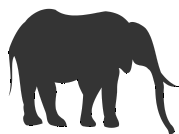
8. What will happen to those who humble themselves? _____

9. What else does Jesus say about hospitality? _____

10. When shall you be repaid? _____

DAY THREE

LUKE 14:15-33



Now when one of those who sat at the table with Him heard these things, he said to Him, "Blessed is he who shall eat bread in the kingdom of God!"

Then He said to him, "A certain man gave a great supper and invited many, and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, 'Come, for all things are now ready.'

"But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.'

"And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.'

"Still another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.'

"So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.'

"And the servant said, 'Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.'

"Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.

'For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.'"

Now great multitudes went with Him. And He turned and said to them,

"If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple.

"And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.

"For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it;

"lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him,

"saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.'

"Or what king, going to make war against another king, does not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand?

"Or else, while the other is still a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks conditions of peace.

"So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple."

Word Meanings:

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| 1. hedges: border (outside the main city) | 6. intend: to plan and expect to do |
| 2. compel: to persuade | 7. mock: to make fun of |
| 3. accord: agreement and unity | 8. delegation: a group given a special assignment |
| 4. excuses: reasons for not doing something | 9. conditions: requirements |
| 5. hate: In this passage it means to be willing to give up in order to love Jesus fully | 10. forsake: give up; leave |
| | 11. dunghill: garbage dump |

Phrase Meanings:

1. **Bear his cross:** be willing to sacrifice anything that would keep one from serving Christ
2. **Count the cost:** consider and think about what it will take from start to finish

Questions:

1. Who is blessed? _____

2. Who made a supper? _____
3. What excuses were made?
 - a) _____
 - b) _____
 - c) _____
4. What did the master of the house command his servant to do?
 - a) _____
 - b) _____
5. What did the man say about those men who had been invited to come first? _____

6. Who could not be a disciple of Jesus? _____

7. Who else could not be a disciple of Jesus? _____

8. What did Jesus say about building a tower? _____

9. What did Jesus say about a king who was going to make war against another king? _____

10. Who else could not be a disciple of Jesus? _____

DAY FOUR

LUKE 15:4-10



"What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it?"

"And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing.

"And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!'"

"I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it?"

"And when she has found it, she calls her friends and neighbors together, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I lost!'"

"Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Questions:

1. What did Jesus say a shepherd would do if he lost one of his sheep, although he had 99 left?

2. What one word describes what he does when he has found it? _____

3. What did Jesus say can be compared with the shepherd and the lost sheep? _____

4. What other parable did Jesus tell the people that again describes one who believes in Him?

5. Who did Jesus say rejoices when a sinner repents? _____

DAY FIVE

LUKE 15:11-24

Then He said: "A certain man had two sons.

"And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.' So he divided to them his livelihood.

"And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living.

"But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want.

"Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

"And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything.

"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

'I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you,

"and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants."

"And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.

"And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

"But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet.

'And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry;

'for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry.

Word Meanings:

<p>1. livelihood: the way in which one earns a living</p> <p>2. swine: pigs</p>	<p>3. pods: the part from beans or corn that is given to pigs or discarded</p>
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Phrase Meanings:

1. **Portion of goods that falls to me:** the inheritance (what is given at the death of another)
2. **Prodigal living:** wasteful and extravagant lifestyle
3. **Enough and to spare:** more than enough

Questions:

1. What did the younger son say to his father? _____

2. Tell what the son did with his inheritance.
 - a) _____
 - b) _____
 - c) _____

3. What happened when all his money was gone?
 - a) _____
 - b) _____

4. Where did he finally go to get something to eat? _____
5. What would he gladly have done? _____

6. What did the son think of? _____
7. What did they have that he no longer had? _____
8. What did he decide to do? _____
9. What did he plan to say?
 - a) _____
 - b) _____
 - c) _____
10. What happened when his father saw him coming from a great way off?
 - a) _____
 - b) _____
11. What did the father do after the son told him he was not worthy?
 - a) _____
 - b) _____
 - c) _____
 - d) _____
12. What reason did the father give for this celebration?
 - a) _____
 - b) _____

REVIEW

LESSON ELEVEN
LUKE 14 & 15

A. True or false: If the answer is false, write the correct answer. (10 points)

- _____ 1. Jesus asked the lawyers and Pharisees if it were lawful to heal on the Sabbath.
- _____ 2. When Jesus noticed those invited to a feast choosing the best places, He said they were doing what they should do as guests of honor.
- _____ 3. Jesus said that whoever humbles himself will be exalted.
- _____ 4. When a man gave the invitation to attend a great supper, two gave excuses (reasons that they could not come).
- _____ 5. Jesus said that if you were building a tower, you would sit down first and count the cost.

B. From Luke 14:34, what do you think Jesus meant when He said, "Salt is good; but if the salt has ___ lost its flavor, how shall it be seasoned?" (5 points)

C. Match the words with the parable and write the correct letter in the space. (10 points)

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| _____ 1. Ninety-nine | a) The Great Supper |
| _____ 2. Son | b) The Lost Sheep |
| _____ 3. Lamp | c) The Prodigal |
| _____ 4. Best place | d) The Lost Coin |
| _____ 5. Excuses | e) The Wedding Feast |

D. Complete the verse: (5 points)

"For whoever _____ himself will be _____, and whoever

_____ himself will be _____."

These words were spoken by _____.

Reminder

Don't forget to write the memory verses from each lesson in your Bible Journal.

Do your best to memorize as many verses as you can each week.