

Luke 1.

Read the chapter. I can hardly believe that we have gone through Matthew and Mark. Luke says that eye witnesses and ministers of the WORD have seen things happen and Luke as he is writing to Theophilus wants to put it down on paper that he too wants to give his testimony. He starts with John the Baptists' father and mother, both Israelites (through whom the WORD is given) Zacharias and Elizabeth, Moses' brother Aaron's daughter. Zacharias was a priest in the temple of God and Gabriel, an angel of the Lord, appears to him. Zacharias got really frightened and troubled. "Fear not, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard and your wife Elizabeth shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name John". Abraham prayed the same prayer for Sarah and himself. "And you shall have joy and gladness and many shall rejoice at his birth". *For he shall be great in the eyes of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb.*

To those of us who are drunk in the Spirit of the Holy Ghost, we perfectly understand why we do not need to drink wine or strong drink. The Holy Ghost is amazing. Now the job of John commissioned by the Holy Ghost is this: "And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God. And he (John) shall go before Him (Jesus) in the spirit and power of Elias (Elijah) to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for there Lord." In other words, "John, you are going to be a prophet and you are going to preach Jesus and I, the Holy Spirit shall help you and do all the work."

We know that neither John nor you, nor I can do this work, yet God needs us to do it. "We are too old" "No you're not." "Zecharias, You shall be dumb until the baby (John) comes because you do not believe me." I am paraphrasing. At the same time when Elizabeth was six months pregnant, the angel Gabriel stood before Mary in Nazareth, a virgin ready to marry a man named Joseph. "Fear not, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And behold you shall conceive in your womb, and bring forth a son and shall call His name Jesus. HE SHALL BE GREAT AND SHALL BE CALLED THE SON OF THE HIGHEST; and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of his father, David: And He shall reign over the House of Jacob FOREVER; and of His kingdom there shall be NO END. " Dear little Mary knew something was amiss "How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?" And the angel answered "The Holy Ghost shall come upon you and the power of the Highest shall overshadow you; therefore also that holy which shall born of you shall be called the SON OF GOD." Think of the Holy Ghost experience when you are "born-again". It is the same, only Spiritual.

Gabriel also delivered the message that Elizabeth (an old woman) her cousin, will also have a child and he (John) is now six months in the womb. When Mary went to see Elizabeth the baby in Elizabeth leaped in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost and she prophesied:"...that the mother of my Lord shall come to me?" Mary replied "*behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed*" as she prophesied the fulfillment of Abraham's covenant with God...and to Abraham's seed forever.

When John was born the relatives named the baby Zacharias because Zacharias, the father, had not spoken the baby's name.. But Elizabeth said "*Not so, but he shall be called John*". When Zacharias wrote on a tablet "*His name is John*", Zacharias' mouth was opened immediately and his tongue loosed (we get a loosed tongue when we speak in the Holy Ghost) and he spoke and praised God. Zacharias then prophesied "*Blessed be the Lord God of Israel: for he has visited and redeemed his people. And has raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David...That we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all that hate us. To perform the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember His Holy covenant: the oath which He swore to our father Abraham. That He would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve Him with fear, in*

holiness and righteousness, before Him all the days of our life." "And you child," he says to his son, John, "shall be called the prophet of the Highest;" (just like you are to go today in the Spirit of Elijah who is our forerunner filled with the Holy Ghost and fire, preparing the way for Jesus to come) "for you shall go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways; to give knowledge of salvation unto His people by the remission of sins, through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the day- spring from on high has visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. John grew up in the desert, strong in Spirit, and he showed up in Israel to announce the coming of the Messiah, Jesus.

Luke 2

Read the chapter. Matthew described Jesus as the King, the lion-face (the King of the Jews); Mark described Jesus as the Servant, the ox-face (who came to take the sins of the world upon Himself, yes, the Servant) and now Luke takes a look at Jesus who came as a MAN (the man-face). What is interesting is that we, as Christians, have these attributes as well. We are to rule (King) and reign with Christ; we are to be servants one of another (Ox); and we are of human kind as Jesus became. JESUS CHRIST THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND FOREVER. We are made in His image (man-face). Jesus came into this world very lowly. The King was not lowly but the place was. He was born in a manger because there was no room for Him in the inn. Shepherds were introduced to Him by an angel "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great JOY, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David (Bethlehem) a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: You shall find the babe (man-face) wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. I think Jesus picked shepherds first because He calls pastors Shepherds. He calls us his sheep too because sheep follow a Master and know His Voice. The shepherds then saw a host of angelic beings praising God "Glory to God in the Highest and on earth PEACE (the Prince of Peace was born), goodwill toward men." They came and saw Mary and Joseph and Jesus. The shepherds quickly became evangelists.

At eight days old, Jesus was presented to the Temple of God and Simeon, a devout man was there, who had waited for Israel's redemption and the Holy Ghost was upon Simeon. He started to prophecy. "*For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all people; a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the Glory of Your people ISRAEL.*" Then Simeon prophesies to Mary her great suffering and the suffering of Israel "Yea, a sword shall pierce through your own soul also that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." We often talk about how blessed Mary was as a virgin to be chosen to bring forth the Christ. How many times have you heard someone talk about how broken-hearted she was when she saw her own Son die (yes and mutilated)? There was also a prophetess, Anna, who served God with fastings and prayer night and day in the Temple; gave thanks also to the Lord and "*spoke to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem.*" I love Anna and her ministry. All she did day and night is worship the Lord and told everyone that Messiah is coming from Jerusalem. You think that's an easy job? Try it. You might be able to last an hour, okay, maybe two. It is not an easy job to be a prophet and tell the world that Jesus is coming. Also, being a woman, how many priests do you think laughed at her? These prophets knew BY THE HOLY GHOST in the Temple in Jerusalem, in Israel, that the Prince of Peace has arrived! Mary and Joseph, still under the law of Moses, presented a sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons unto the Lord (Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord). Jesus had not fulfilled the law yet (being the SACRIFICE OF THE PASSOVER LAMB THAT TAKES THE SIN OF THE WORLD). Only after He went on the Cross was the job finished. "IT IS FINISHED" He had cried.

When Jesus was 12 years old the parents thought Jesus was lost. They searched for Him for three days and then found Him in the Temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing and asking them

questions. And all that heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. His mother was a little upset with Him as all mothers would be losing a child for three days. "...I must be about my Father's business?" Jesus, at age 12 said "I must be about my Father's business." The Kingdom of God is such that we, when we receive Jesus as our Saviour, Lord and King, "Go about our Father's business." and "What must we do to work the works of God?" as the apostles asked Jesus is fulfilled when Jesus answered them. "BELIEVE".

And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature and in favour with God and man. Wouldn't it be great if we would increase in wisdom and stature and in favour with God and man? We're supposed to, daily, in His Word. That doesn't mean that every one approved of Him.

Luke 3

Read the chapter. Historically, John showed up during the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judaea. This is to tell you that this is real. It is history. John comes to Jordan River area preaching "...And all flesh shall see the salvation of God." (Quoting **Isaiah 40**). When John said "That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham." he only reiterated **Genesis 2**. God made us in His image out of the dust of the ground (dust has the same component as stone only stone is under heat). John goes on to teach: "...whoever bears good fruit lives; whoever bears rotten fruit dies when all flesh shall see the salvation of God. This salvation of God is Jesus (the Judge of the whole world) but He came not to judge it, nor condemn it but to save it. Every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord (the salvation of God).

Let's talk about good fruit which we are to bear: "He that has two coats, let him impart to him that has none; and he that has meat do likewise." I find that when I say "If you have two coats give one to your brother" the person gets mad at me. I am surprised how often that happens. It is pure rebellion AGAINST THE WORD but I am the brunt of the anger. The one Word that is the most contentious is JESUS. I mention Jesus in a public place and MAD is what you get. The other Word is tithing. When a preacher, or when I have mentioned money, even though those that are called of the Lord and commissioned to His work need to live like anyone else, as far as expenses for house, utilities, travel, etc. are concerned, you mention tithing and MAD jumps out at you. Others have died in selfishness and are willing and able to minister money, just as to minister a coat or food to the needy.

John ministered advice and good judgment to the publicans and soldiers who came to be baptized. They also wondered if John was the Christ, the Messiah. But John said "I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I comes, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire; (FIRE burns off everything--has He done His job on you?--He won't unless you ask Him too) Whose fan is in his hand (fans are great when it is hot weather but when it's under FIRE, a fan will blow away every chaff (sin) "... but the chaff He will burn with fire unquenchable."

Now appeared this beautiful "salvation of God" to John to be baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened, "And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, 'You are my beloved Son: in you I am well pleased'". Once while going to minister in Hull to a young man who lived in a cottage at a Lake (I mention this because it was such a haven for his friends to come), while on the way to the cottage we stopped for the night to sleep. We were in a motorhome. As I shut my eyes I saw a white dove coming at me. The Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon me. The next day I ministered in the Power of the Holy Ghost to ten young people (one a psychiatrist from New York who had a nervous breakdown). The Holy Ghost came upon me to preach the gospel to those who were bound and needed Jesus to set them free in the

Holy Ghost.

Luke 4

Read the chapter. This chapter is very important in a Christian's walk because just as Jesus handled the devil, satan, or the enemy of your soul, you, here, are taught, that what Jesus SAID, you can say it in faith in GOD and satan has to obey. Read this chapter several times. It will give you the ammunition necessary to fight the ONLY fight you need to fight. You do not fight with flesh and blood, that includes your boss, your family, your friends, your neighbour. You fight spiritual battles with spiritual demons and spirits wicked in heavenly places the Bible says. The NAME OF JESUS IS ABOVE EVERY NAME IN HEAVEN, EVERY NAME ON EARTH AND EVERY NAME IN THE UNDERWORLD. That's what Jesus gave us as an inheritance.

Here in this chapter from verse 1 to verse 13, you have everything you need to fight the devil no matter where he resides, in your head or in your acquaintances. Satan is the tempter; God never tempts anyone. Remember that! This is what the devil, satan, mocked Jesus with and satan is a liar!

- IF you are the Son of God or IF you are a child of God--Jesus says *IT IS WRITTEN, THAT MAN SHALL NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE, BUT BY EVERY WORD OF GOD.*
- IF you will worship me, but Jesus says *GET BEHIND ME SATAN, FOR IT IS WRITTEN, YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD, YOUR GOD, AND HIM ONLY SHALL YOU SERVE.*
- For it is written, here satan is quoting scripture but Jesus answering said: You shall not tempt the Lord, your God. Satan departs. And Jesus returned in the POWER of the Spirit into Galilee and He was famous.

In Nazareth, He went to a synagogue and stood up to read. *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he has sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord."* Everyone stared at Him. *"This day is this Scripture fulfilled in your ears."* He spoke as a prophet but also knew that as Joseph's son *"no prophet is accepted in his own country."* The leaders of the Synagogue were aghast about Jesus claiming to be the Messiah and they took Him to the cliff and were about to throw Him off the cliff. But as **Isaiah** prophesied "the hand of the sovereign Lord is upon Him" therefore He just walked from the cliff to the end of the mob and no man could touch Him because His time was not yet that He should give His life for the sins of all mankind, IF only they would accept the Son of God, Jesus, the Messiah. Nazareth did not accept this teacher and prophet; but just down the road He worked His works by setting a demoniac free. Then He went into Peter's house and his wife's mother had a fever and He healed her. Then many, many came in the evening where He laid hands on them all and healed them. Then He went into the desert but the crowds followed Him. He left them and went on to preach in Galilee. Jesus is the essence of healing!

Luke 5

Read the chapter and get blessed. *"People pressed to hear the WORD OF GOD."* The WORD is Jesus. Jesus pushed Peter's ship a little off the land and taught from there. When He was finished he asked Peter to put his nets in for fish. *"Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at YOUR Word I will let down the net"* Peter said. By obeying Jesus they got so much fish that the nets broke. Peter called for his partners to come and help and they filled two ships so that they

began to sink. Peter began to repent and James and John too and knelt before Jesus. Jesus said that from now on they shall catch men. The principle is the same. Man cannot live by bread alone but by every Word that proceeds out of the mouth of God. You want plenty, listen to the Word of God: His Voice and what you are planning for yourself!. There won't be room enough to receive it there will be so much.

Jesus continues His ministry by healing a leper; the leper showed himself to the priest according to the law of Moses bringing an offering as the law demanded. This was amazing news and multitudes came to Jesus for healing from infirmities. Then he departed by Himself into the wilderness and prayed. You will notice throughout the whole of the gospels that Jesus would set Himself apart and pray to the Father. Then in a certain city Jesus, with Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, saw a man with palsy (a nerve condition) brought to Jesus through the roof as there were too many people round about. When Jesus saw their faith He said "*Man, your sins are forgiven you.*" The religious ones were upset because they could not see that Jesus is God. Jesus knew their hearts and said "*Which is easier to say, Your sins be forgiven you; or Rise up and walk? But that you may know that the Son of man has power upon earth to forgive sins* (he said unto the sick of the palsy) *I say to you, Arise take up your couch and go into your house.*"

Then Jesus called Levi, a tax collector, who had a hated profession. Levi left all and followed Him. Levi gave a great feast in his own house. He invited tax collectors, Pharisees and scribes, with Jesus and the disciples as well. The religious complained that the disciples were eating and drinking with the tax collectors. Jesus had an answer for them. "*They that are whole need not a physician but they that are sick. I came not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.*" Do you know that most churches today do not want the poor and prostitute and drug addict in their midst. We know churches that have had their congregations split and divided and leave because they could not handle a poor or decrepit or bound that Jesus invited into their midst.

Luke 6.

Read the chapter. Jesus, who overcame the Sabbath (i.e. He fulfilled the law) shows the religious ones to do good on a sabbath day, especially if you see in front of your eyes, a need. The disciples were hungry on a sabbath day and picked corn and ate. The Sabbath before that Jesus healed a withered arm and Jesus told the religious ones that on a sabbath day David ate the shewbread in the temple and also gave to his warriors the same shewbread because they were hungry. The religious ones were angry because He did it on a sabbath. For us today, when we see a need, we are to fill it just like Jesus did. I believe that Jesus deliberately worked on the Sabbath because Jesus is our Sabbath and NOW and even upon His return to Jerusalem we have every day a Sabbath (He is our REST). Then Jesus goes up to a mountain to pray, then calls for His disciples and they go out to preach and to heal many diseases. Jesus healed them all (a multitude the bible says). Then Jesus blesses:

- Blessed are the poor, yours is the kingdom of God;
- Blessed are you that hunger now, you shall be filled;
- Blessed are you that weep now, for you shall laugh;
- Blessed are you when men shall hate you... reproach you, cast out your name as evil for Jesus' sake, rejoice...and leap for joy, behold your reward is great in Heaven. He's saying : I AM YOUR EVERYTHING, YOUR JOY, YOUR FOOD, YOUR HEALING, YOUR HOME IN HEAVEN, YOUR SAFE HAVEN. Those that are without the DOOR (Jesus) have the opposite. NOW , your response to those that abuse you is: "Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you. Bless them that curse you, and pray for them that despitefully use you." Just about

now you remember those that have only yesterday or even today, cursed you or used you. Jesus continues:

- If you are hit on the one side let him hit you on the other, paraphrasing, and do you feel that that's unfair. But following Jesus is a new way of thinking and doing. If you want to be religious, go ahead, Jesus will only tell you "Get thee behind me satan" like He said to Peter.
- *"Give to every man that asks of you (I have a hundred excuses why I shouldn't, you say)... For if you love them which love you, what thanks have you?...And if you lend to them whom you hope to receive, what thanks have you? ... But love your enemies, and do good, and lend hoping for nothing again, and your reward will be great, and you shall be the children of the Highest." "You have to be merciful as your Father also is merciful;*
- Judge not"--did you notice that every time you judge some one, the very thing you judged, you have to go through and the thing is it sneaks up on you without you even knowing it and all of a sudden you see yourself in the very person you judged.
- Give and it shall be given you; good measure, pressed down and shaken together, and running over, shall men (not angels, not God, but we give glory to God for it) give into your bosom. For with the same measure you mete withal, it shall be measured to you again." You want to have all your needs met and have still more, give.
- The blind leading the blind, both shall fall in a ditch; You have a beam in your eye, but you only see the speck that is in your brother's eye. Especially when it comes to religious people that live under the law **Psalm 101:5** *"Whoso privily slanders his neighbour, him will I cut off:... For a good tree brings not forth corrupt fruit... every tree is know by its own fruit. Each man's heart has a treasure: good and it's come forth good, if the treasure is evil, it will come out evil.*
- You build yourself on Jesus, the ROCK, your house, You, will be steadfast and when the storm (the devil) comes, and it will assuredly in your lifetime, you will find yourself safe and sound because your foundation is JESUS. *"But he that hears does not, is like a man without foundation...and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great."* We see it all the time, we've lived it. Not having Jesus is the most horrible life, full of heartbreak and sorrow. But now we have Jesus. What joy unspeakable and full of glory!

Luke 7

Read the chapter. The reason I am going through certain verses is because every once in a while Jesus gives me a gem of His Word. It is intimate and personal and I want you to have a personal and intimate relationship with Jesus. I repeat the bible at times but I also paraphrase, but I cannot replace the Word. That is why you must study the bible and if you do not have one, see Thompson Chain Reference Bible website.

In part of this chapter a soldier's servant is ill. The soldier sends to Jesus the Jewish elders of the synagogue the servant help build. But before Jesus got to the soldier's house the soldier sent his friends and tell Jesus that he is not worthy to have Jesus under his roof but *JUST SAY THE WORD JESUS AND MY SERVANT SHALL BE HEALED*. He says he too is a man in authority and everyone obeys him when he gives an order; Jesus marvelled at the soldier's FAITH. He believed in the works that Jesus did. The servant was healed exactly at the soldier's faith words.

In Nain the next day Jesus resurrected a widow's boy and there was great fear among the widow's friends *"a great prophet is risen up among us; and That God has visited his people."* He did so many miracles, curing many of their infirmities and plagues, and of evil spirits; and to the blind he gave sight. Jesus told John the Baptist, *the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear,*

the dead are raised and to the poor the gospel is preached through messengers as John was in prison for coming against Herod who took his brother's wife for himself. Jesus told the people that John was sent to Israel to prepare the way for Jesus, that is, introduce Jesus as the baptizer of the HOLY GHOST AND FIRE.

Simon, a Pharisee desired Jesus to eat with him. While he was in the Pharisee's house, a woman brought an alabaster box of ointment. She stood at his feet behind him weeping and then washed His feet with her hair and kissed His feet and anointed them with the ointment. (There have been times when I am praying that I would say this to Jesus "I kiss Your feet"-- yet it is interesting that I never saw this part of the Scripture of kissing the feet of Jesus. Until now).

Judas got offended at the use of the ointment. *"It should have been sold and given to the poor"* not because he cared for the poor but he, Judas, would help himself to the treasury. Jesus said that the ointment was for His burial. No one else knew but Jesus that He was going to die on the Cross, put in a tomb and then resurrected, preach to those in Sheol and then go to present His blood to the Father, as the Passover Lamb.

Those that were in Simon's house said *"Who is this that forgives sins also?"*

Luke 8

Read the chapter. It starts with Jesus *"showing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God"* walking throughout every city and village and Jesus healing, delivering and preaching JOY; that's what glad tidings are. He tells His followers, including Mary Magdalene out of whom went seven devils, and many others who ministered to Jesus, parables to watch out for our enemy, the devil who comes to steal and destroy FAITH and WORD. He tells his disciples *"My mother and my brethren are these which HEAR the WORD of God and do it.* He stilled winds and waves into calm. He delivers a naked, demented man and the devils screamed out of this man *"What have I to do with you, Jesus, Son of God most high?"* Certainly the devil, our enemy, knew who Jesus was and is! But the village of Gadarenes did not want Jesus around (just like today; you tell people what Jesus has done for you and guess what, they want you to leave, they are so afraid to be found out). Jesus met Jarius who fell at Jesus' feet and asked him to come and heal his 12 year old daughter who was dying. In the meanwhile there was an interruption because a woman, bleeding for 12 years and doctors could do nothing for her, touched His garment and He met her. He healed her and blessed her. Then he continued on to visit the little girl but a ruler of the synagogue's house showed up and told Jesus that she is dead. But to Jesus death is nothing: He said *"Believe Only and she shall be made whole".* Jesus said *"She is not dead, but sleeping".* But they laughed at Him. He threw them all out of the house and said *"Maid, arise."* Jesus told the people around her to feed her. And her parents were astonished: but He charged them that they should tell no man what was done. The circumstances in Israel was so dire that the people wanted to make Him King but the timing was wrong; He is King but now He is the Passover Lamb that takes the sins of the world on Himself, within days. **But He is coming soon as KING!**

Luke 9

Read the chapter. Christ Jesus, the Messiah, gives the disciples the Holy Ghost (*"and gave them power"*) and authority over all devils and to cure diseases and He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. The disciples were to take nothing but themselves. Jesus teaching them that He is able supply them everything while they are discipling through people they meet on the Way.

Herod got scared, thinking that John the Baptist had risen from the dead. Then Jesus told the disciples to *"give them to eat"*; 5,000 men when all the disciples had were two fishes and five loaves of bread.

Jesus blessed the fish and bread and made it a miracle: "and there was taken up fragments that remained to them twelve baskets". *"If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me"*.

Jesus, as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered and his raiment was white and glistening. With Him two men appeared in glory: Moses and Elijah (as well as Enoch who was resurrected, a Type of Christ), these two Prophets were not dead; they were alive and resurrected and now visiting with Jesus so that Peter, John and James could see it. But Peter instantly wanted to build little booths for them to put them there. But from a cloud came the Father's voice *"This is my beloved Son: hear Him"*.

The next day a young boy was brought by his father because the child was demon- possessed and Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit and healed the child and gave him back to his father. Everyone was amazed at the mighty power of God. The disciples had tried to deliver the child but they could not and Jesus told them that these types of demons can only come out with prayer and fasting.

Then Jesus told the disciples that He, Jesus, will be delivered into the hands of men **Let these sayings sink down into your ears** but the disciples were too scared to ask Him what that meant and they were full of unbelief. Then as little children, the disciples asked which of them would be the greatest in the Kingdom of God? Jesus said *"he that is least among you all, the same shall be the great."* *Of course they acted as little children but right after that the disciples wanted to send fire from heaven and consume the Samaritans because Jesus was not welcome there. But Jesus said "You know not what manner of spirit you are of"*. Jesus asked one man to follow Him but he said that first he has to go and bury his father. Another said, Lord I will follow you but let me first say good-bye to my household but Jesus said *"No man, having put his hand to the plough and looking back is fit for the Kingdom of God."*

Luke 10:

Read the chapter. Jesus sends the disciples out two by two to preach, to cure diseases, to deliver from demons and to heal the sick. Did you notice in verse **2** that THE LORD OF THE HARVEST is the only one that can send labourers into the harvest. You might think you can go on your own, don't even bother, it won't work: Many will say *"did I not do this and this for you Lord?"* Jesus will say *"I never knew you."* Did you also notice that where the gospel is rebuked, Woe follows. Chorazin and Bethsaida were two cities that miracle upon miracle done there by Jesus but they did not repent of their sins. Capernaum, Jesus said that it will be *"thrust down to hell"*. I have seen cities like that: the gospel was refused and the city burned. Jesus said to the disciples *"He that hears you, hears Me and he that despises you despises Me; and he that despises me despises Him (God) that sent me"*. The disciples, like all Christ- followers, know that all devils are subject to them through the Name of Jesus. But we ought not to rejoice in that but rather that our names are written in heaven.

Right after Jesus prayed, rejoicing in the disciples and their work, Jesus told them that from Adam no one saw what the disciples have seen: the Messiah and His work. All the prophets: Adam, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Elijah, Elisha, Malachi, and more, kings, like David and Solomon, would have wanted to hear and see what the disciples behold.

Then a lawyer, tempted Jesus: *"Master"* (already a lie; he did not have Jesus as Master or Lord) *"what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"* Then Jesus asked the lawyer to explain what the lawyer thought or perceived the law. The lawyer answered: *"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind: and your neighbour as yourself."* Jesus said: *"...this do and you shall live."* But the lawyer wanted to justify himself *"And who is my*

neighbour?" And Jesus presented to the lawyer exactly as the lawyer would present his case before a judge:

A certain man was robbed, beaten, wounded and left for dead: A priest saw him lying there and passed him by; A Levite passed him by; but a Samaritan had compassion and went to him, bound his wounds, pouring oil and wine and setting him on his own beast, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he left instructions *"Take care of him; and whatsoever you spend more, when I come again, I will repay you."* Jesus now asks the lawyer *"Which now of these three, do you think, was neighbour to him that fell among the thieves?"* The lawyer judged rightly: the Samaritan. So Jesus tells the lawyer to be sure and do the same.

Jesus visits Mary and Martha: Mary chooses to sit at Jesus' feet, Martha does the cooking and the washing but she complains to Jesus. Did I tell you that Jesus' way of thinking is contrary to the carnal mind? The Messiah, Jesus, with His compassion for every SOUL, teaches us *"Martha, Martha, you are careful and troubled about many things: But one thing is needful: and Mary has chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her."*

Luke 11:

Read the chapter. As in Matthew, Jesus is teaching His disciples and you and I about the Kingdom of God. Jesus was praying in certain place when one of his disciples asked Him to teach them to pray. You will notice that throughout the gospels that Jesus goes into the Presence of God the Father very often. The Lord's Prayer as it is called covers every request necessary for your life but if you are not in the Presence of God you might just as well keep your mouth shut. Also I noticed that if I do not forgive then God does not forgive me. That's a stickler!

***Our Father which art in Heaven
Hallowed be Thy Name
Thy Kingdom come
Thy Will be done
As in Heaven
So in earth
Give us day by day our daily bread
And forgive us our sins
For we also forgive every one
That is indebted to us
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil***

Jesus said *"Ask and it shall be given you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Persevere!* He also wants you to know if you ask your heavenly Father He shall give you the Holy Spirit. Also *"But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the Kingdom of God is come upon you. I want you to know that every work and Word in the Bible is important. I, however, am trying to tell you that it is real; that which I write about and that which I don't. Because we deal a lot with demoniacs, I naturally would be more inclined to focus on those things. Jesus tells us that when an unclean spirit goes out of a man, that spirit is always looking to go back to the same man. The unclean spirit will take seven more with him and make that man seven times worse if that man does not replace that space with the Holy Ghost. That's why it is so important to ask God for the Holy Ghost.*

Many are seeking signs as to when Jesus is coming back now but they also did that in Jesus' time. Jesus said "*For as Jonah was a sign unto the Ninevites (Jonah was swallowed by a fish and spit out in Ninevah so Jonah could tell the people of their sin) so shall also the Son of man be to this generation.*" Later you will see that one of the signs NOW is that Israel is a nation once again. Hallelujah!

Jesus also taught that men should look inward at their souls if their souls are clean and not just at the outward appearance. He explains His hate for the Nicolaitan: You clean the outside of the cup and the platter; but your inward part is full of raving and wickedness; you tithe mint and ...all manner of herbs, and pass over judgment and the love of God...you love the uppermost seats in the synagogues...and greetings in the markets. Then Jesus explains His hate for the evil work some lawyers carry on: you load men with burdens grievous to be born, and you yourself touch not the burdens with one of your fingers. You, lawyers, build the sepulchres of the prophets, and your fathers killed them. Woe unto you lawyers for you have taken away the key of knowledge; you entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering you hindered. So knowledgeable, so intellectual, dead heart! Jesus, the **Advocate** of **Justice** is coming soon but now we have His Word and the Holy Spirit to teach us, guide us, transform us to do justice and when He comes back, He will set things right.

Luke 12.

Read the chapter. I'm going to stray a little off course in this chapter because of my observation since I became a Christian. When Jesus was born there was lots of JOY but also great violence. Mary was prophesied to that her heart would be ripped in two; then Herod killed every baby, two years old and under and John the Baptist was beheaded, Jesus crucified, fulfilling Mary's prophecy. In **Luke 12:51-53** Jesus said: "*You suppose that I come to give peace on earth? I tell you, No; but rather division: for from henceforth there shall be five in one house divided, three against two, and two against three. The father shall be divided against the son, and the son against the father; the mother against the daughter; and the daughter against the mother; the mother in law against her daughter in law, and the daughter in law against her mother in law.*"

You will notice that most of the the violence is satanic and is to steal your faith, but let there be no mistake, Jesus GAVE His life in your stead, even though it was violent.. In our own family I had a sister screaming at me when I was giving the gospel to my brother The violence was direct, as I would not see that sister for twenty years: then I heard she was dying. She then was very receptive to receiving Jesus as her Saviour when I went to visit her. The brother committed suicide leaving us to grieve-- I leave him in the Lord's judgment--I gave him the gospel. One other note on Chapter **12**. Verse **4**. *Be not afraid of them that kill the body...but I will forewarn you whom you shall fear: Fear Him which after He was killed has power to cast into hell.* Only God has that power; Fear Him. Did you know that if we all feared God that there would be no sin committed?

Jesus, surrounded by so many people that they were falling over each other, talked to His disciples with Him and told them to beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. Nothing is hidden: what you cover up, shall be revealed; what you speak in darkness, shall come to light; that which has been in closets shall be proclaimed upon the housetops. Which also goes to "*Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God: But he that denies me before men shall be denied before the angels of God.* Against Jesus when a word is spoken, that is forgiven, but unto him that blasphemes against the Holy Ghost it shall not be forgiven.

This is the **Kingdom of God**: "*Therefore I say unto you, Take no THOUGHT for your life, what you shall eat; neither for the body, what you shall put on. The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment. Consider the ravens; for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor*

barn; and God feeds them: how much more are you better than the fowls? And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one cubit? If you then be not able to do that thing which is least, why take thought for the rest? Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Do not seek what you shall eat, or what you shall drink, neither be of doubtful mind. For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knows that you have need of these things. But rather seek the Kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you. Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom.

Luke 13:

Read the chapter. There are those that say that "they must have sinned that's why they are suffering or are killed". Jesus says "Except YOU repent, you shall all likewise perish." People seem to be always looking at the misfortunes of others, giving no solutions and not repenting. Jesus taught, among other things, about hypocrisy: but there is a time when the door (THE DOOR, Jesus) is no longer open "There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you shall see Abraham, and Isaac and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the **Kingdom of God**, and you yourselves thrust out." Jesus tells us they will come from all nations and shall sit in the kingdom of God and there will be a few surprises: the first shall be last, the last, first... We will all be very surprised who is in Heaven and who is in hell.

Luke 14:

Read the chapter. A few instructions by the Lord: I am paraphrasing. Don't be a hypocrite, you can pull an animal out of a ditch on a Sabbath but a human being you would not heal. Don't be exalted when you are invited out, sit at a humble place and let your host exalt you. Don't invite those like your friends, or your relatives or your rich neighbours of lunch in case they do the same to you, but when you have lunch call the poor, the maimed, the lame and the blind who cannot invite you back. If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and his mother and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life, also, he cannot be my disciple...whosoever he be of you that forsakes not all that he has, he cannot be my disciple. I remember when our two sons and the two of us got saved. That night each of us had a dream: Ele dreamed she was shot in the head, dead. Nelson dreamed he was speared, dead. Our two sons one was shot dead and the other beheaded. The one that was beheaded actually was holding Jesus' hand and watching himself being beheaded. Dead. Why am I telling you this. You have to die to self and be alive and available to Jesus even unto death.

Luke 15.

Read the chapter. The lost sheep. He is not talking about goats. A man has two sons: one blew away his inheritance, the other had it all along. The one that blew away his inheritance by "riotous living", repented after living in a pig sty; the one that had it all along got an attitude. I know many lost sheep: they know the Shepherd, yet instead of following Him into greener pastures (He is the Shepherd, the LEADER, and we must follow), stay in their pens and get covered with the dirt and manure in the fighting and jostling for position; these lost sheep have adulterous affairs, steal, lie, cheat, covet, and go to church but not to repent. They refuse to talk or listen to the SHEPHERD. All the time the Shepherd is calling: "get away from the adulterous relationship"; "get a job, you don't need to steal," "the truth will set you free", etc. and when you go to church, repent. Leave that flesh on the Cross; you were crucified with Jesus on the Cross, by faith in our Lord Jesus! Talk to Him, He is the Door to Heaven! Then get yourself water-baptized, reckoning the "old man" dead and you a new creature in Christ. Then just like the dove descended when Jesus was water-baptized, the Holy Spirit will come upon you to help you live like a new creature that you are; DAILY, picking up your Cross and following Him. Joy unspeakable!

Luke 16.

Read the chapter. This chapter brings me much pain. Jesus said "If therefore you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches." " *And if you have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who will give you that which is your own?* " When we went bankrupt we left behind us almost as much debt as we would make in a lifetime. We, like the whole world now, were covetous and greedy and thought that the economy of the world would sustain us. We were wrong. We finally lost everything: farms, buildings, subdivision, business, ALL. We continued to go through years in the wilderness to stop being covetous and greedy. The lesson was there to be learned but the devil over-did it.

So now he has to bring back everything he stole from me so I may be able to pay the people back. There are right riches and wrong ones. The rich man in this chapter did not share with Lazarus, a poor man, sick with sores where the dog licked Lazarus' wounds when Lazarus scraped crumbs off the floor to eat and beg. The rich man was a hard soul. He ended up in hell, and in torment. He cried out to Abraham to have Lazarus, the same poor, sick man he ignored, to give him a drop of water. It was too late. He also wanted Abraham to send Lazarus to warn this man's five brothers about the hell this rich man was in. No deal. This rich man did not pay attention to the ten commandments; and even if a man was resurrected from the dead, they would not pay any attention. EXCUSE ME! Jesus was resurrected from the dead--who pay's attention?

Luke 17:

Read the chapter. Jesus SAID He cannot stop people from "ticking us off". Steve Munsey says "put a dishwasher around your neck with a rope and jump off a bridge" if you are the provoker. But, WE, must forgive them. Your level of FAITH is in direct proportion to your FORGIVENESS because faith operates by love. The leper who came back to Jesus was MADE WHOLE, not just for being grateful, but because he forgave the rabbi and brought an offering because Jesus said to him and the other nine "Go show yourselves to the priest..." (*bringing an offering is part and parcel of presenting oneself to the priest*). They were ALL "being healed" on the way to the rabbi but the other nine went back to the leper colony (the world of sin whose wages are death) because of unforgiveness and only one was "born-again", made WHOLE! So how many times do we forgive...IN ONE DAY?...unlimited, you could not sin 70 x 7 even if you tried. So the disciples said "Lord, help our unbelief." REALLY! Again, your level of FAITH is in direct proportion to your FORGIVENESS and love. Spend time before God and he will show you pictures of those WHO TICKED YOU OFF! Don't go to God empty-handed. I was thinking, how many are "being healed" but are not "MADE WHOLE" in the Church today? Our FORGIVENESS would give us FAITH OF JESUS to do IN HIS NAME everything He did: save, heal, deliver, bind the broken-hearted.

Luke 18:

Read the chapter. Once the scripture of the Judge and the woman was brought to mind when I would not let God alone for something I wanted, after all, He is the Judge. The second parable is about self-righteousness: I am not as other men are-- extortioners, unjust, adulterers, I fast twice a week, I tithe-- YEAH RIGHT! There goes your salvation!

Time to be brought low, mister. The one that beat his chest calling out to God "*Be merciful to me a sinner,*" went home justified by God and God will exalt him. Children were rebuked by the disciples when they wanted to go to Jesus but Jesus told them to bring the children to Him, for of such is the kingdom of God. The question "Good Master what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" I have heard of people having their bodies frozen in case some scientist finds an eternal pill, but what Jesus says is

- Do not commit adultery,

- Do not kill,
- Do not steal,
- Do not bear false witness,
- Honor your father and your mother and
- sell everything you have, give it to the poor and come follow Jesus.

Jesus said *"How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God! But the things that are impossible with men are possible with God."* Look at **Job!** He lost everything, then after the testing of his faith, God gave him back everything double. Then Jesus told the disciples what was going to happen to Him...and the third day He shall rise again(of course the disciples understood nothing). Jesus then healed a blind man on the way to Jericho.

Luke 19.

Read the chapter. Zachaeus was a very rich man who wanted to see Jesus. He could not see him because of the crowds but Jesus, knowing all this, asked to stay at his house. As everyone grumbled that Jesus was a guest at a sinner's house, Jesus brought salvation to Zachaeus. The parable of the austere man who gave to each man so that they would increase it for Him can be the same as Zachaeus *"Lord, the half my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold."*

At the Mount of Olives Jesus asked his disciples to get the colt on which He rode into Jerusalem. The disciples with joy and praise followed Him .When He got to the temple He threw out the money changers saying *"MY HOUSE IS THE HOUSE OF PRAYER BUT YOU HAVE MADE IT A DEN OF THIEVES"*. I am really putting the words down that Jesus taught so that each Christian will know that whatever Jesus taught and lived, we are to live that way as well.

Luke 20

Read the chapter. Jesus silences those that question His authority. Then He tells a story about a vineyard: The Father sends His Son but the labourers kill Him. Jesus asks *"What shall the Lord of the vineyard do to them?" "He shall come and destroy these husbandmen, and shall give the vineyard to others."* But when the people heard it they said *"God forbid"*. Then He goes on to say that whosoever accepts Him (the stone) shall be broken (humbled) and live for Him, but whosoever does not, He (the stone) shall crush to powder. We are the world, we are the children; will we be destroyed because we do not turn away from our sin? Jesus died on the Cross and took your sin and mine upon Himself. The vineyard is the world. The same story as the Vineyard story.

Then the followers of Jesus asked *"Is it lawful for us to give tribute unto Caesar or no?"* Jesus wanted to make sure they understood--*the things of this earth --"Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's" Coins that have imprinted on them the head of Caesar, belongs to Caesar. --And the things of heaven-- "and unto God the things which be God's"--for instance "the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage:..."* The things of this earth: *"...the scribes which desire to walk in long robes and love greetings in the markets, and the highest seats in the synagogues, and the chief rooms at feasts; which devour widows' houses, and for a show make long prayers: the same shall receive receive greater damnation."* I think Jesus calls these the Nicolaitans in Revelation. In case you want to go into discipleship of Jesus on YOUR own, DON'T. You will be Nicolaitans. Servants of the Most High do exactly, EXACTLY, what Jesus did on this earth.

Luke 21.

Read the chapter. It is easy to summarize this chapter after you see a little woman who has nothing but two pennies giving to the Lord and Jesus compared her giving to those that were rich and only gave a percentage of their income;

Great tribulation: nation against nation, kingdom against kingdom, great earthquakes, famines, pestilences, fearful sights, great signs from heaven; persecution and imprisonment of Jesus' disciples, betrayal both by parents, brethren, kinsfolk, and friends--some put to death. When? When JERUSALEM is compassed with armies; when JERUSALEM falls into the hands of the Gentiles (after the harvest of the gentiles into God's kingdom)--the **RAPTURE** will hit (the DOOR to Heaven is Jesus and if you do not know Him, you stay behind for the great tribulation for a few years). We will discuss the **Rapture** in **Thessalonians**. You can be born-again by repenting and accepting the Lamb of God, Jesus, that took all the sins of the world, to whosoever will accept Him.

Luke 22.

JESUS, the PASSOVER LAMB, is being prepared to be the PASSOVER (the feast of unleavened bread; you will notice it is a FEAST--no sadness here). Satan comes on the scene (into the church, so to speak) INTO Judas Iscariot. Judas shows up at the FEAST and Jesus knew Satan in him immediately. He tells those that came with Judas to arrest Jesus ""but this is your hour, and the power of darkness". Peter gets "born-again". Jesus calls Himself "*the Son of man*"

Luke 23.

Read the Chapter. Jesus does not disagree with Pilate that He is the King of the Jews. Herod on the other hand was very happy to see Jesus when Pilate sent Him to Herod. Herod had heard all that Jesus had done and he too wanted to see the miracles of Jesus. But Jesus said nothing. Herod and his men then set a gorgeous robe upon Him and sent Him back to Pilate. Pilate washed his hands of Jesus as the crowd cried "*Crucify Him*". Then Pilate's (Rome's) hands got dirty: Pilate released Jesus to be crucified. Many cried following Him but He said "*For if they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in a dry?*" (**Isaiah 53:2**) "*...they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us.*"

Two malefactors were led with Him to be put to death. At Calvary (the place of the skull—meaning from the neck up, where all your problems come from), Jesus said "*Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.*" Jesus, suffering on the Cross, taking your sin and mine upon Himself, said "*Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.*" making a way for you too to go to the Father, giving up your spirit man to Heaven to live with Him forever, for eternity. Praise the Lord! What Joy!

Joseph of Arimathaea, a rich Jewish man, fulfilled the prophecy that He, the Messiah would be laid in a rich man's grave. (**Isaiah 53:9**) Actually, now is a good time to read **Isaiah 53**: especially since it is the sufferings of the Messiah, Jesus. "*...He hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him. He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from Him; He was despised, and we esteemed Him not. Surely He has borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed". O, continue reading **Isaiah**. It is Jesus, the Messiah! A superscription was written over Him in letters of Greek and Latin **THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS**.*

Luke 24.

Read the chapter. You will find unbelief. The two angels said, "*Why do you seek the living among the dead?*" Jesus had been dead for three days. Does this remind you of Lazarus, Type, Jesus? *But when*

the women told the disciples "their words seemed to them as idle tales and they believed them not."
Then two disciples, one called Cleopas, saw Jesus but knew Him not. Cleopas told Jesus that the Romans and the Jews put Jesus to death; that the people wanted a king to deliver Israel. Jesus said: O fools! and then He preached His heart out to these two, starting about Moses. Then He ate with them, and as He broke bread, they recognized Him and HE VANISHED OUT OF THEIR SIGHT! Then Jesus came to the eleven disciples and preached to them! Then He tells them to go NOWHERE except JERUSALEM and wait for the Holy Spirit, (the Promise of the Father), so they be endued with power from on High. How many we know that do their own thing and do not have the Power from on High. Jesus left them and **WAS CARRIED UP INTO HEAVEN.**