



## SERMON NOTES

Week 6 March 24, 2024

**"More Than Christian"**

Luke 1:1–2; 9:23–25; 22:51; 23:33–37, 39,  
44–46, 48–49



### I. Introduction/Review

- A. The question to ask if you are deciding whether to take Christianity seriously or not: Is Matthew, Mark, Luke or John a \_\_\_\_\_ account of actual events?
- B. Luke is not writing the \_\_\_\_\_; he is simply documenting an account of the life of Jesus.
- C. Luke would be quick to tell us if the story didn't end the way the story ended, there was \_\_\_\_\_ story to tell.

### II. The Invitation

- A. Jesus is saying "I've come to demonstrate a \_\_\_\_\_ way to respond and to react."
- B. To take up a \_\_\_\_\_, was to signify my independent life (me living life the way I want to live and calling my own shots) has come to an end.
- C. To follow \_\_\_\_\_ means I say no to me and submit to Him.
- D. Jesus is inviting us to give our \_\_\_\_\_ away to something other than us that's bigger than us. *"For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it."* (Luke 9:24, NIV)

### III. Our Response

- A. If Jesus had saved \_\_\_\_\_, he would have forfeited his ability and opportunity to save you.
- B. The question we need to ask ourselves is "who or what are you going to \_\_\_\_\_?" Are you an admirer or a follower of Jesus?
- C. Everybody was \_\_\_\_\_, because if everybody participated the world would certainly change.

***Things I Would Like to Remember About This Message***

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# ASBURY DAILY STUDY GUIDE *March 25-30, 2024*

## INTRODUCTION

Many people believe in the first century person named Jesus. But Jesus didn't ask for people to just *believe* in him. He invited people to *follow* him. So, what does it look like to be a follower and not just an admirer?

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### Monday: Luke 20:1-40

Jesus' vineyard story drew on a beloved Scripture (Isaiah 5:1-7), which called Israel God's vineyard. But he exposed the hate around him during that fateful week (Luke 19:47, 20:19). We, like the Jerusalem leaders, can have blind spots. Is there anything God's spirit is nudging you to face honestly in your life? Do you have the courage to face it in the light of Jesus' "good news"?

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### Tuesday: Luke 20:41 – 21:28

The COVID-19 pandemic did more harm than most of us could have dreamed. To Jesus' hearers, the Temple's destruction sounded just that incredible. Jesus told his people to hold to faith even when that happened because their "redemption was near" (verse 28). How can trusting that God is near help you not to "faint from fear," but hold your head up even in times of pandemic or war?

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### Wednesday: Luke 21:29 – 22:30

Jesus said, "The kings of the Gentiles rule over their subjects, and those in authority over them are called 'friends of the people.'" But in God's kingdom, Jesus said, "That's not the way it will be with you... the greatest among you must become... like a servant." Where do you have power (parent, boss, teacher, pastor, public office, etc.)? How can you use your power to serve others?

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### Thursday: Luke 22:31-62

Of the disciples, only Peter walked on water (Matthew 14:28-29). He was first to flatly call Jesus the Messiah (Luke 9:18-20). He was no villain - just a man subject to fear and pressure. Have you ever felt pressure to hide your loyalty to Jesus? Jesus told those who seized him, "This is your time, when darkness rules." What might Peter have done to keep the darkness at bay (cf. 22:46)?

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### Friday: Luke 22:63 – 23:31

Luke said Jesus' guards taunted and beat him BEFORE his trial (Luke 26:62, 66). This "trial" was like Alice in Wonderland - "verdict first, evidence later." Even Pontius Pilate, a cynical Roman politician, saw through their charges, saying, "I find no legal basis for action against this man" (23:4). Has anyone ever treated you unfairly? How can you grow toward having the spirit with which Jesus met this unfair trial?

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## MOVING FORWARD

Jesus says that if you want to be a disciple of his, you need to take up the cross and follow him. To take up the cross signifies that living life the way you want to live has come to an end. We are called to say no to us and submit to Him. Jesus is inviting us to give our lives away to something other than us that's bigger than us. So are you an *admirer* or *follower* of Jesus?

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*Answers to the sermon notes: IA) reliable, B) Bible C) no. IIA) different, B) cross, C) Jesus, IID) lives. IIIA) himself, B) follow, C) invited.*