

# Luke

Carefully Investigating the Gospel ... Together

## SSBC Luke Bible Study #69

*Take this Bible Study home and use it to guide your exploration of the scripture passage that next Sunday's sermon will be focused on.*

Passage: Luke 18:31-34

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### It's January – Easter is Coming!

This week's passage points us toward Jesus' death and resurrection. Try listening to this passage over and over again. Let it soak into your heart. "Marinate" in it.

Study it. Pray through it. Maybe even memorize it. Cut out the copies below and on the last pages and put them where you'll see them repeatedly. Let God's Word transform you. Start by reading the passage below and praying for God, through the Spirit of the Son, to help you hear it, understand it, and respond accordingly.

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## Bible Study:

The scene in this week's Luke passage is also found in two other gospels. Immerse in this scene by reading all three versions.

1. Note below your observations and any questions you have. How does Luke's account differ from the other two?

## Your Observations & Questions

### **Matthew 20:17-19**

<sup>17</sup> Now as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside and said to them,

<sup>18</sup> "We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death <sup>19</sup> and will turn him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life!"

### **Mark 10:32-34**

<sup>32</sup> They were on their way up to Jerusalem, with Jesus leading the way, and the disciples were astonished, while those who followed were afraid. Again he took the Twelve aside and told them what was going to happen to him.

<sup>33</sup> "We are going up to Jerusalem," he said, "and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles, <sup>34</sup> who will mock him and spit on him, flog him and kill him. Three days later he will rise."

### **Luke 18:31-34**

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**Stew On It Awhile:**

2. What comes before and after this passage in Luke? What is the setting (where are they, where are they heading, what kinds of other things are happening, ...)? How does the apparent context of the Matthew 20 and Mark 10 passages compare to that of Luke 18?

3. In verse 34 Luke adds an additional detail which the other gospel writers don't mention – that the disciples do not understand what Jesus has said, and Luke further explains that this meaning was 'hidden' from them.

a. Why do you think God hid the meaning from the disciples at this point?

b. How do you suppose it make the disciples feel to hear something they didn't/couldn't understand? Do you feel the same way when you can't understand something in God's Word?

c. Those who Jesus was speaking to couldn't get what he was saying. What enables a Christian today to understand this prediction by Jesus (v. 31-33) better than those who were there at the time and with Jesus in person? (consider John 14:26, 1 Cor 2:6-16)

4. What was "written by the prophets about the Son of Man"? How do the Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah's death describe it?

Psalm 22:1-18

Isa 50:6

Isa 52:13 - 53:11

Hosea 6:1-4

Micah 5:1

5. Numerous times in the gospels, Jesus foretells his upcoming death. How does he describe it? (see Mt 16:21, 17:22-23, 20:19; Mk 8:31; Lk 9:22, 13:31-33, 18:33, 24:7, 24:45-47)

6. Now recall the actual accounts of Jesus' death. (eg. Mt 27:26-31)

a. How does Jesus' death compare with the prophecies about it?

b. Consider the alignment of the OT prophecies (Q4) , Jesus' own predictions (Q5), and his death itself (Q6a). What does this alignment tell us? What does it mean? How does it make you feel?

7. Looking back at question 5, what level of detail did Christ know about his upcoming death? What would it be like to have such information about one's own upcoming death?

8. Have you ever entered into Christ's pain and suffering, thinking deeply about what it must have been like for him and why he had to go through it? You might take some time right now to do just that. Use the space below to write down some of your thoughts and feelings about Christ's suffering, and what you believe and feel about it. Revisit this during the next week by cutting out the three copies of this week's passage in the boxes on pages 1 and 7, and then thinking about Christ's suffering when you see them.

9. Do you understand why Jesus had to die? ... that he died for your sins? ... that, by believing that Christ (who was God become man) conquered death in order to enable you to be restored to God, and by turning away from your sin and toward God, you can have eternal life?

If you don't understand this, ask God to help you understand it ... and He definitely will. Talk to a Christian friend about this.

### **Keep Marinating!**

The next page has two more copies of the passage to cut out and put in your wallet or purse, on your refrigerator or bathroom mirror, or wherever else you might see them best during the week.

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