

The Ministry of Christ

Narrative and Themes

Christ as Master over Nature

Christ as Master over Illness

Christ as Master over the

 Spiritual Realm

Christ as Master over Death

Christ the Great Teacher



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No. 2. The Opening Events of Christ's Life.

Luke 6

- Man with the withered hand
- They were watching, waiting for Him to heal
- Are we watching out to accuse others?
 - 1 Thess 4:10 But we urge you, brethren, that you increase more and more; 11 that you also aspire to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you,
 - Gal. 5:14 14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” 15 But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!

Luke 6

- Romans 14:10
 - But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.
11 For it is written:
 - “As I live, says the Lord,
 - Every knee shall bow to Me,
 - And every tongue shall confess to God.”
 - 12 So then each of us shall give account of himself to God. 13 Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather resolve this, not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in our brother’s way.

Luke 6

- 1 Cor 5:12
 - For what have I to do with judging those also who are outside? Do you not judge those who are inside? 13 But those who are outside God judges. Therefore “put away from yourselves the evil person.”
- Matt. 7 – Judging without hypocrisy

Luke 6

- Matthew (Matt.12:14-21) and Mark (Mark 3:7-12) and summaries of the Galilean Ministry and prophecy
- Praying all night before selection of the Apostles
 - Jesus's relationship with God
 - Good example
 - Philippians 4:6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;
- Ongoing miracles
- Sermon on the Mount

Luke 7

- The Centurion's Servant
 - Good Jew/Gentile relations
 - Cultural Sensitivity and Humility
 - Cultural Sensitivity does not equal Cultural Relativism (The Reformers Dilemma)
 - Christ's power at a distance
 - Matthew 8:5-13
 - No contradiction
- The Son of the Widow of Nain
 - A devastating social situation
 - Jesus again goes against convention



Luke 7

- John the Baptist Sends Messengers
 - 22 Jesus answered and said to them, “Go and tell John the things you have seen and heard: that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the gospel preached to them. **23 And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me.**”
 - John 1 and 3
- Fate of the cities that reject the Christ (Matt. 11:20-30)

Luke 7

A woman washes Jesus's feet

Full recognition of who Jesus was

Contrite Repentance

Dealing with the Pharisee

Dealing with our own “poor insight”

Luke 8

- Traveling with the 12 (Flash forward to the spreading of the church)
- Support from women
- Parables
- Jesus's mother and brothers
- Matt. 10:34 34 “Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword. 35 For I have come to ‘set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law’; 36 and ‘a man’s enemies will be those of his own household.’ 37 He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. 38 And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. 39 He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.