

Jesus' Popularity and Power On Display

Luke – the Acts of Jesus

Luke 6:17-19

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REMEMBERING THE CONTEXT OF LUKE'S GOSPEL

God's Revelation of Himself

- The Creation tells us He is there. Ro 1:18-20
- The Scripture tells us Who He is. Gen 1; Ps 139:13*f.*; Ps 19; Heb 1:1-3
 - In the OT: Various manners (angels, signs and wonders, visions, prophets)
 - In the NT: Various manners (angels; signs, miracles, visions, words of the apostles, prophets, and Jesus, the Christ; Son of the Living God)

God's Judgment Regarding Sin

- The bookends
 - Genesis 1 & 2 – The Creation Before the Fall
 - Revelation 21 & 22 – The Creation of the New Heaven and Earth
- The in-between
 - The origin of sin in mankind
 - The consequences of sin
 - Repentance to God, the path to forgiveness from sin
 - Mankind's rejection of God, and murder of the Son of God
 - God's foolishness is greater than man's wisdom
 - The rejection of God is, if possible, a greater sin because we have the record of God's provision of the gift of salvation

God's Reward for the Faithful

- Those who place their faith in God's mercy and promises find it reckoned unto them as righteousness.
 - This faith is marked by actions that demonstrate it
 - Abel, Abraham, the Jewish remnant of believers, Gentiles who believe (Ninevah, Naaman, Ruth)
- The Gospel is the “power of God for salvation to everyone who believes...” (Ro 1:16)

The Seed, the Second Adam, the Sacrificial Lamb

- The Seed promised to Eve (Gen 3:15)
- The Perfect Sacrifice, previously seen only in the pictures of the OT sacrificial system (He 9:11-28)
 - The Passover Lamb
- The Son of David (Rev 5:5; Lk 1:32) and yet David's Lord (Lk 20:41-44)
- Sin entered through Adam, Life entered through the Second Adam (Ro 5:12-19)

Proofs that Jesus is God, the Son, 1

- Testimony
 - of angels (1:11-17; 26-33; 2:9-14)
 - of Zacharias (1:76-79)
 - Of Elizabeth (1:41-45)
 - OF Mary (1:46-55)
 - The Shepherds (2:15-20)
 - Of Simeon (2:25-35)
 - Of Anna 2:36-38)
 - Of Jesus, himself (2:49)
 - Of the Father and the Holy Spirit (3:21-22)
 - Of John the Baptist (3:15-17)

Proofs that Jesus is God, the Son, 2

- Jesus' Genealogy (3:23-38)
- OT Prophecy (4:16-21)
- The Divine authority of His preaching (4:32)
- His Power
 - Over Satan (4:1-13)
 - Over demons (4:33-36, 41)
 - Over disease (4:38-40; 5:12-15, 17-25; 6:10)
 - Over the natural world (5:4-9)

Proofs that Jesus is God, the Son, 3

- His authority to forgive sin (5:20-25)
- His authority over the Sabbath (6:1-11)

Three Summaries of Jesus Ministry

- Jesus was led by the power of the Holy Spirit and news of Him spread quickly. (4:14*f.*)
- As He was teaching the people on the Sabbath, all were amazed at the authority of His words. (4:31*f.*)
- As people brought their diseased and demon-possessed to Him, He was healing them. (4:40*f.*)

The Fourth Summary

- Jesus comes to a plateau with his newly appointed disciples. (6:17)
- Many come to join them:
 - A crowd of other disciples, not so close as the 12
 - Throngs of people
 - From the Jews (Judea and Jerusalem)
 - From the Gentiles (Tyre and Sidon)
- To hear what He had to say
- To be healed of their diseases
 - Physical
 - Spiritual