The Gospel of Luke

JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

#### LUKE CHAPTER 6:27-36

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#### THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

### "PEOPLE GOD CAN USE"

THE HUMANITY AND DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD, AND THE SON OF MAN

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When This World Uses Someone, It eventually leaves that person disillusioned and broken, but always without hope in the end. What this world offers cannot fulfill your life, and your life's purpose.

#### John 10:10

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly.

### Why Shouldn't God Use Me?

Luke 6:12-26

Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. 13 And when it was day, He called His disciples to Himself; and from them He chose twelve whom He also named apostles: :14 Simon, whom He also named Peter, and Andrew his brother; James and John; Philip and Bartholomew; :15 Matthew and Thomas; James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon called the Zealot; :16 Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot who also became a traitor. :17 And He came down with them and stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him and be healed of their diseases, :18 as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits. And they were healed. :19 And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed *them* all. :20 Then He lifted up His eyes toward His disciples, and said: "Blessed are you poor, For yours is the kingdom of God. :21 Blessed are you who hunger now, For you shall be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, For you shall laugh. :22 Blessed are you when men hate you, And when they exclude you, And revile you, and cast out your name as evil, For the Son of Man's sake :23 Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward is great in heaven, For in like manner their fathers did to the prophets. :24 "But woe to you who are rich, For you have received your consolation. :25 Woe to you who are full, For you shall hunger. Woe to you

# **RECAP OF OUR PREVIOUS STUDY**

### THE PEOPLE GOD CAN USE

1.)	Are People that Jesus calls to come	v.12-16
1a.)	It's Jesus' response to His Father's voice	v. 12
1b.)	It's Jesus' desire to do His Father's will	v.13

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## The Purpose of His Calling? - Twofold at least

It was to "gather Men to Himself" (*Just 12 of Them*) and To Name Them "apostles" or Sent One's "Goers"

# Men Listen Up

It Just Seems Natural to Me, That Men, Male-Men Would Naturally-Supernaturally Come to Jesus Christ

# Because Jesus was a "Man's Man"

and it had to be the ride of your life to walk with Him, to talk with Him, to join in on serving alongside Him

# I Cannot Understand "Why"

There Appears to be So Few Men Who Have a Real Faith, Faith Enough to Put God First in Their Lives.

#### James 2:18-20

But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. **:19** You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble! **:20** But don't you know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?

# Real Men "Come" to Jesus Real Men "Live" for God

These Disciples, Became Apostles

1c.) It's Jesus' work to build His Father's kingdom v. 14-16

# By the Time The Sun Came Up, He Knew What to Do. In Prayer, God the Father, Instructed God the Son.

He called to Him the Twelve

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### PEOPLE GOD CAN USE

2.) Are the people that Jesus counsels

v.17-19

(remember show and tell?)

this is "show and tell" Jesus style

2a.) His counsel glorifies the word of God v.17a

:17 And He came down with them and stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon...

# Why is That Important?

because Jesus always gave / gives the word, and follows through action

**John 6:63c** ...The words that I speak to you are spirit, and *they* are life.

**John 8:26**c

...I speak to the world those things which I heard from Him."

John 12:50 And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak."

2b.) His counsel benefits the whole of man

v.17b-18

who came to hear Him and be <u>healed</u> of their diseases, :18 as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits. And they were <u>healed</u>.

1 Thessalonians 5:23

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### John 17:17 Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

#### **Ephesians 5:26**

that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,

#### 2c.) His counsel reaches out toward all

v.19

And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and <u>healed</u> *them* all.

Listen, can you find any greater a message than what Jesus has given you? can you find anything more firm, assuring, and enduring than what He has spoken to mankind?

John 5:21

For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it.

#### John 10:27-29

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. **:28** And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. **:29** My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of My Father's hand.

### **PEOPLE GOD CAN USE**

### 3.) Are people that Jesus gives His character to

v.20-26

:20 Then He lifted up His eyes toward His disciples, and said: "Blessed *are you* poor, For yours is the kingdom of God. :21 Blessed *are you* who hunger now, For you shall be filled. Blessed *are you* who weep now, For you shall laugh. :22 Blessed are you when men hate you, And when they exclude you, And revile *you*, and cast out your name as evil, For the Son of Man's sake. :23 Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward *is* great in heaven, For in like manner their fathers did to the prophets. :24 "But woe to you who are rich, For you have received your consolation. :25 Woe to you who are full, For you shall hunger. Woe to you who laugh now, For you shall mourn and weep. :26 Woe to you when all men speak well of you, For so did their fathers to the false prophets

# Blessed 4X, Rejoice 1X, Woe 4X

#### *3a.) It's a happiness that comes from heaven*

v.20-22

:20 Then He lifted up His eyes toward His disciples, and said: "Blessed *are you* poor, For yours is the kingdom of God.

#### "Happy will be those who are no longer Exiles,

no longer beggars, outsiders, those held captive, enslaved!

# Why?

because you NOW have the Kingdom, it cannot be taken away from you not you from it."

### This "Blessedness" is Not Monetary, But in Positionally

Positionally, Jesus Became a Human being Philippians 2:8

And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself...

2 Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich (\$), yet for your sakes He became poor (\$), that you through His poverty (\$) we might become rich. (\$)

Again, This Is Not in Relation to Monetary Value(s)

Jesus is Saying; "Soon You Will Be Happy, Because, The Kingdom of God will be Yours!"

# The Gospel of Jesus Christ, Brings to Us, The Kingdom of God until Eternity Begins for Us.

Mark 1:15

and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

Matthew 12:28

**28** But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.

#### Jesus Said in Luke 10:8

Whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you. **:9** And heal the sick there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

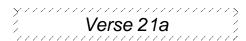
In The Life of the Rich, Young Ruler Jesus Said:

Mark 12:34

Now when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, He said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God."

#### Luke 17:20-21

Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, "The kingdom of God does not come with observation; :21 nor will they say, "See here!' or 'See there!' For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you."



Blessed are you who hunger now, For you shall be filled

### Here - It's Not Only a Physical Thirst

Psalm 42:1-2

As the deer pants for the water brooks, So pants my soul for You, O God. **:2** My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?

### Here - It's Not Only a Physical Hunger

John 6:35

And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.

"filled"

it's a cattlemen's term, to feed an animal a diet that brings it to perfection. feeding it in a way that brings out the best potential.

Verse 21b

Blessed are you who weep now, For you shall laugh.

# this is a heart that's burdened with sorrow because of injustice and unrighteousness

It's a "he who weeps over the proper thing" It's "to weep at the right time"

John 16:20 Most assuredly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy.

### Abraham Lincoln "If I weren't prone to laugh, I might die"

John 11:35	
Jesus wept.	

Some of You

may not be able to weep at all. your heart has grown cold and indifferent, cynical and critical,

when was the last time you sat down and wept with Jesus? because friend, Jesus weeps over

the death of your relatives, and fellow employees, and neighbors...

CHILD ABUSE AND ABORTIONS - GOD WEEPS! AND THE GODLESS LAUGH ABOUT IT.



Blessed are you when men hate (want you dead) you, And when they exclude you (to severe, to cut off), And revile you (to defame, chide, and taunt: — cast in teeth) and cast out your name as evil, For the Son of Man's sake.

For the Son of Man's sake. Not For Being Stupid or Rude, Loud or Abrasive,

# But Like Jesus and for Jesus

#### John 15:19-20

If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. **:20** Remember the word that I said to you, "A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also.

2 Timothy 3:12

Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

# But How Does This Help with Tomorrow?

1 Peter 4:14

If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed *are you*, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified.

*3b.) It's a joy that will last forever* 

v.23

: Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward *is* great in heaven, For in like manner their fathers did to the prophets.

Luke 10:19-21

Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. **:20** Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven. **:21** In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit,

# Rejoice in that day and leap for joy

Acts 5:40

and when they (the high priests and council) had called for the apostles, they beat *them,* and they commanded them that they should no longer **speak in the name of Jesus,** and let them go. **:41** So the apostles departed from the presence of the council, **rejoicing** that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name.

Being Guilty by Association - they suffered!

## Our Association Matters Because It's Representative of What We Believe.

ARE YOU IN ASSOCIATION WITH JESUS CHRIST?

if you are, you will be in trouble in this world, in this life.

Heaven is on its way church, and you will rejoice and you will leap

### 3c.) It's a reality that cannot be denied v.24-26

:24 "But woe to you who are rich, For you have received your consolation. :25 Woe to you who are full, For you shall hunger. Woe to you who laugh now, For you shall mourn and weep. :26 Woe to you when all men speak well of you, For so did their fathers to the false prophets

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Woe to you who are full, For you shall hunger.

meaning: - what you have filled yourself with will not see you through to the end.

### TO COME UP SHORT OR LACKING

 Daniel 5:27, King Belshazzar

 you have been weighed on the balances and have failed the test.

 you've come up light, void of depth

 Verse 25b

 Woe to you who laugh now, For you shall mourn and weep.

 "To Live to Laugh" - not a comedian but a man who lives to laugh about things at the expense of others.

 Verse 26

 Woe to you when all men speak well of you,

For so did their fathers to the false prophets

# Human Accolades and Earthly Praise is empty and meaningless and transient

### Human Accolades This is One of the Greatest Weapons in Satan's Arsenal Compliments / Flattery / Praise / Accolades "Woe to you when all men speak well of you"

JESUS PROMISED HIS DISCIPLES THREE FUNDAMENTAL RESULTS FROM FOLLOWING HIM

#1 - that they would be completely fearless

#2 - that they would be radically happy

#3 - they would be constantly in trouble

Paul put it this way, 2 Corinthians 4:16-17

Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward *man* is being renewed day by day. **:17** For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory,

Chesterton Wrote: "Being in Hot Water is Good for You, It keeps you Clean"

# Why is That Important?

Because God's Truth is an All Piercing Truth, It's an All Knowing, All Seeing Truth, All Powerful Truth

Genesis 18:25c "...Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?" (or judge with perfect justice)

to deny or to reject The Lord Jesus Christ in This Life, is to commit a sin of stellar proportions

It's That One, Unforgivable Sin Mentioned in Scripture

#### John 5:22-24

For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, **:23** that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him. **:24** "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

