

# THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

## LUKE CHAPTER 19:28-48

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

### “THE EVER PRESENT ARGUMENT OF GOD” – PART 1

*THE HUMANITY AND DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST,  
THE SON OF GOD, SON OF MAN, SAVIOR OF ALL MANKIND*

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### **Palm Sunday, Salvation, Expectancy, Prophecy**

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Before the Holy Days of Palm Sunday and Passover, and Resurrection Sunday, We were looking at a message entitled;

### **HOW’S YOUR BUSINESS?**

**Luke 19:11-27**

(what’s our true investment - the challenge was -  
are we into God with all that we have)

**Luke 19:28-48**

When He had said this, He went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. :29 And it came to pass, when He drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mountain called Olivet, *that* He sent two of His disciples, :30 saying, “Go into the village opposite *you*, where as you enter you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Loose it and bring *it here* :31 And if anyone asks you, “Why are you loosing *it*?” thus you shall say to him, ‘Because the Lord has need of it.’” :32 So those who were sent went their way and found *it* just as He had said to them. :33 But as they were loosing the colt, the owners of it said to them, “Why are you loosing the colt?” :34 And they said, “The Lord has need of him.” :35 Then they brought him (the colt) to Jesus. And they threw their own clothes on the colt, and they sat Jesus on him. :36 And as He went, **many spread their clothes on the road.** :37 Then, as He was now drawing near to the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen, :38 saying: “*Blessed is*

*the King who comes in the name of the LORD!* Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" :39 And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples." :40 But He answered and said to them, "I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out." :41 Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, :42 saying, "If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things *that make* for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. :43 For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, :44 and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation." :45 Then He went into the temple and began to drive out those who bought and sold in it, :46 saying to them, "It is written, *'My house is a house of prayer,'* but you have made it a *'den of thieves.'*" :47 And He was **teaching daily** in the temple. But the chief priests, the scribes, and the leaders of the people sought to destroy Him, :48 and were unable to do anything; for all the people were **very attentive to hear** Him.

**This "Teaching Daily" is What We Want To Look Closely At Today**  
we know from the four gospels what His teachings included that week in Jerusalem.

**He taught them that...** He was the light of the world // that His authority was from His father above // the great apocalyptic discourse and that He was to suffer... that His suffering was in fact ordained by God, not an accident!

all of this with one single **goal** in sight. -

### **The Cross**

everything He had said and done was to point man to what would be His purpose for having come into this world, - The Cross -  
*the goal was the cross!*

#### **John 12:27b**

"... 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour.

**In His Humanity** – The Cross was Looming Before Him  
**In His Deity** – The Cross was the long awaited "**Work Day**" of God.

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**SO I WANT TO PUT THIS ARGUMENT  
BEFORE YOU THIS MORNING.**

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## **What's With Jesus Christ and The Cross?** **if in Genesis, God rested - what's with the cross?**

### **Genesis 2:2-3**

And on the seventh day **God ended His work** which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all **His work** which He had done. :3 Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it **He rested from all His work which God had created and made.**

and from that moment on, we somehow came to believe that God must have retired in heaven. – all was complete.

**complete! - as it applies to creation,**  
yes, if we look only at the physical universe, then yes. – complete!

**but in regards to the redemption,**  
salvation and recreation of mankind, - then no, He was not done!

## **The Bible teaches that God is Omniscient**

that is, that God knows all and cannot learn or be taught anything because He knows everything – Being the Eternal Lord God of All.

### **Romans 11:34**

“For who has known the mind of the LORD? Or who has become His counselor?”

*This Morning We're Going to Talk About Some Unfinished Business  
that your Creator has with you – the created.*

How Does The Infinite reach out to the Finite

## **What's With Jesus Christ and The Cross?**

### **THE EVER PRESENT ARGUMENT OF GOD**

**1.) It's this - what's man's condition in this life?**

## 1a.) Is man's condition one of ignorance?

The Man **Without** The Cross of Christ says;

he's enlightened. that his humanity has brought him to a great place.  
the world today with Christ is impressed with itself.

### Acts 17:22-23

Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious; :23 for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you:

Ignorant until we understand that;  
**that there is a God in heaven who is knowable**

The Man **With** The Cross of Christ says;

### Colossians 1:19-20

For it pleased the Father that in Christ all the fullness should dwell, :20 and **by Him** to reconcile all things to Himself, **by Him**, whether things on earth or things in heaven, *having made peace through the blood of His cross.*

## WHAT IS MAN'S CONDITION IN THIS LIFE?

## 1b.) Is man's condition one of incomplete?

The Man **Without** The Cross of Christ says;

that experience brings **completeness**. success produces **satisfaction**.  
"All he needs - is to get all that he wants"

### Mark 8:36-37

For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? :37 Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

The Man **With** The Cross of Christ says;

**Philippians 3:7-9**

But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. :8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ :9 and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which *is* from the law, but that which *is* through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;

Incomplete until we see the fact that;

**WHAT IS MAN'S CONDITION IN THIS LIFE?**

**1c.) Is man's condition one of isolation?**

The Man **Without** The Cross of Christ says;

“is that in the end somehow it will all work out.”

He judges himself by himself and concludes that he himself - is fine.

Until we meet Jesus Christ personally, we're living a half-life. half alive, half dead

**1 Timothy 5:6**

But the person who lives in (for) pleasure is dead while they live.

**Ephesians 2:12.13**

remember that in times past you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. (that's were the man without the cross has to stop) (only the man with the cross can continue) :13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

The Man **With** The Cross of Christ says;

Isolated until we awake to the fact that;

**Colossians 2:13-14**

And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, :14 having wiped out

the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. ***And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.***

## What's With Jesus Christ and The Cross?

### THE EVER PRESENT ARGUMENT OF GOD

**2.) It's this – what's man's existence for this life?**

**2a.) Is man's existence one of evolution?**

The Man **Without** The Cross of Christ says;

**Yep, I'm a random piece of accidents.**

I have no real idea where I have come from and I'm certain I have no idea where I'm going. So listen to me and I will show you the way - we have somehow migrated from the primordial goo, thru the zoo and now you're you!

#### **Romans 1:18-23**

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, **:19** because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown *it* to them. **:20** For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, **:21** because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. **:22** Professing to be wise, they became fools, **:23** and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

The Man **With** The Cross of Christ says;

#### **Isaiah 40:28**

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.

#### **Ecclesiastes 12:1**

Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, *Before the difficult days come, And the years draw near when you say, "I have no pleasure in them":*

Just for the Record  
I am Personally, all for Protecting the Environment, So we Can use More of it.

## **I Have a Question for You;**

**“Can You Be  
an Evolutionist and an Environmentalist at the Same Time?”**

(look close, because the answer is “impossible” because the “position” is intellectual dishonest)

### **I Love “Creation Care” - My God made it, and I take care of it**

#### **Genesis 1:26**

Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

## **WHAT’S MAN’S EXISTENCE FOR THIS LIFE?**

### **2b.) Is man’s existence one of elevation?**

The Man **Without** The Cross of Christ says;

he’s special, even superior to others because he has this or that.  
he’s worth more or more marketable or desirable.  
people want me, people need me.

#### **Proverbs 6:16-17a**

These six *things* the LORD hates, Yes, seven *are* an abomination to Him: :17 A proud look,

The Man **With** The Cross of Christ says;

## **I’ve Seen a First Century Cross**

it was a petrified black, irregular, short stout tree – wicked looking!

#### **Galatians 2:20**

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

# WHAT'S MAN'S EXISTENCE FOR THIS LIFE?

## 2c.) Is man's existence one of exclusion?

The Man **Without** The Cross of Christ says;

Legalism, Elitism, Ascetism, Spiritual Pride

### **Matthew 23:12-15**

And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted. :13 "But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut up the kingdom of heaven against men; for you neither go in *yourselves*, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in. :14 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayers. Therefore you will receive greater condemnation. :15 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel land and sea to win one proselyte, and when he is won, you make him twice as much a son of hell as yourselves.

The Man **With** The Cross of Christ says;

He has welcomed me and has invited me to be His own.

### **Philippians 1:21**

For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

**Those Who Have Truly Experienced the Lord  
are very much humbled and overwhelmed by the Experience.**

### **Luke 5:8**

When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!"

## What's With Jesus Christ and The Cross?

## THE EVER PRESENT ARGUMENT OF GOD

## 3.) It's this - what's man's hope after this life?

## 3a.) Is man's hope in a dream?



The Man **Without** The Cross of Christ says;

“I think this is One of Satan’s Greatest Weapons,  
is to keep a man daydreaming about anything that has to do with nothing”

**dreams, they can be managed and re-managed**

to our liking because they are directly connected to our emotions.

**people will say; - - “I had this dream once and...”**

and before you know it a doctrine is formed of it and a religion comes out of it.

**2 Corinthians 4:3-4**

But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, :4 whose minds the god (usurper) of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

The Man **With** The Cross of Christ says;

**The Cross is Rough, Ugly and Brutal, It Wakes People Up**

**1 Corinthians 1:17**

For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, ***not with wisdom of words***, (comfort, ease or flattery) ***lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect.***

**1 Corinthians 1:18**

For **the message of the cross** is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved **it (the message of the cross)** is the power of God.

**1 Corinthians 2:1-2**

And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. :2 ***For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.***

## **WHAT’S MAN’S HOPE AFTER THIS LIFE?**

### **3b.) Is man’s hope in a system?**

The Man **Without** The Cross of Christ says;

we can build our own way to God. Just like the tower of Babel,

we can do this, yes we can!!!

**Galatians 1:6-9**

I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, :7 which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to **pervert the gospel of Christ**. *(notice what the offer in exchange for the gospel)*  
:8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. :9 As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.

**Philippians 3:18**

For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the **enemies of the cross of Christ**:

that's a very eerie statement Paul makes. Those who are against God and the Lord Jesus Christ attack the Cross. Make light of the Cross, Mock the Cross!

The Man **With** The Cross of Christ says;

Lord, I have come to the end of trying it myself,

**Romans 6:6**

For we know (the Christian) that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin

**there is no "system" to the cross,  
but a turning toward it.**

**Hebrews 12:2**

looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

**WHAT'S MAN'S HOPE AFTER THIS LIFE?**

**3c.) Is man's hope in a man?**

**Galatians 6:14**

But God forbid that I should boast **except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ**, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

(this is an appalling image for those under Roman rule in those days. under certain cases, if a man was found guilty of murder, a judge could sentence the man to be tied to the body of his victim. the dead would consume the living.

**Paul is saying that my heart and life is tied to a dead and dying world, not that it should kill me, but that the power of the cross in me might give it life!**

**Romans 6:9-12**

knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. **:10** For *the death* that He died, He died to sin once for all; but *the life* that He lives, He lives to God. **:11** Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. **:12** ¶ Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts.

**What's With Jesus Christ and The Cross?  
It's You - It's The Only Place Where You Can Meet  
Him.**

————— *End of Study* —————