

# THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

## LUKE CHAPTER 22:63-71

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

### EXAMINING GOD – PART 1

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

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

**Jesus' Deity, Trials, Injustice, Righteousness**

#### Luke 22:63-71

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This is An Almost Unthinkable Portion of Scripture.

Especially in light of what transpires Here Before Us...

**This "Unthinkable" factor of Christianity is one of the most powerful evidences for Christianity**

– that is, that the Christian message is something that no one would have thought up.

*It's really very much outside of us.*

*It's completely and totally beyond us to have thought it up on our own !*

**But Pastor Jack, explain to me “why it had to come down this way?”  
I would ask you, why not? – how else would you be able to  
“prove that Jesus is the Christ?”**

**The “Prophetic” Significance of What’s Happening makes this the pinnacle of all  
futuristic events in the Bible.**

**Genesis 22:2,6,7-8**

Then the Lord said to Abraham, “Take now your son, **your only son** Isaac, whom you love, and go to **the land of Moriah**, and offer him there as a **burnt offering** on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” :6 Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and **placed it on his son Isaac**, and he (*Isaac*) himself carried the fire and the knife.

As the two of them went on **together**, :7 But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, “My father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” Then he said, “Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” :8 And Abraham said, “**My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb** for a burnt offering.” So the two of them went on **together**.

**Exodus 12:3,5-6**

Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: “On the tenth of this month every man shall **take for himself a lamb**, according to the house of *his* father, **a lamb for a household**. :5 Your **lamb shall be without blemish**, a male of the first year. :6 Now you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then the whole assembly **of the congregation of Israel** shall kill it at evening  
(between. 3-5 pm).

**It’s The “Looking Back” to what God had Shown Abraham  
Centuries Before the Law of Moses had Been Given That He wants all of us to  
Focus Upon...**

**John 1:29**

“...Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

**EXAMINING GOD**

*YOUR MESSIAH, YOUR SACRIFICE, YOUR SAVIOR*

**1.) The God of the Bible is in control v.63-65**

**1a.) God cannot be provoked v.63-64a**

Now the men who **held** Jesus **mocked** Him and **beat** Him. :64 And having **blindfolded** Him, they **struck** Him on the face...

When Examined, Jesus Christ Endured  
He Didn't Explode In a Rage – He Trusted In God Above.

**Proverbs 3:5-6**

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; **:6** In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

**This unbelieving world loves to hate Jesus Christ.**

(it's fascinating to me that nobody walks around mocking mohammed or buddah – frankly, it's because they're not worthy of being mocked and blasphemed.

Jesus is under attack – that is true. But it's the attack that reveals to mankind who Jesus Christ really is and what He came here to do  
– He is the Sacrificial God of the Bible.

It's only Jesus Christ and It's Only the God of the Bible that is attacked  
as He is because He alone is the one and only !

**Jesus had told them what was coming;**

**Luke 18:31-33**

Then He took the twelve aside and said to them, “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and ***all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of Man will be accomplished.*** **:32** For He will be delivered to the Gentiles (*thank you judas*) and will be mocked and insulted and spit upon. (*thank you religious leaders*) **:33** They will scourge *Him* and kill Him. (*thank you roman empire*) And the third day He will rise again.” (*thank you Lord*)

**Personally, this is why I became a Christian  
over 30 years ago?**

**Isaiah 53:3,5,7**

He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, *our* faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. **:5** But He *was* wounded for our transgressions, *He was* bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. **:7** He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth.

### Revelation 5:6

And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain,

He was **held, mocked and beaten**. :64 He was **blindfolded** as they **struck** Him on the face...

### Tragically, in our culture of violence & death today,

these things don't sound or seem so bad, but that's exactly my point. The roman empire was a brutal, merciless power which imposed its rule by sheer force.

In the old testament, The Hebrew Prophet Daniel Prophesied that the coming roman empire would prove to be the most "crushing of all world empires"

### An Overlay of the Gospel in The Scripture is...

#### Matthew 26:67 – Mark 14:65

Then they **spat** in His face and **beat** Him; and others **struck** Him with the **palms** of their hands... **Mark 14:65** Then some began to **spit** on Him, and to **blindfold** Him, and to **beat** Him, and to say to Him, "Prophecy!" And the officers **struck** Him with the **palms** of their hands.

#### Isaiah 50:6

I gave My back to those who **struck** Me, And My cheeks to those who **plucked out** the beard; I did not hide My face from **shame** and **spitting**.

#### Isaiah 52:14 – The Amplified Bible

Many will be amazed when they see Him - - beaten and bloodied, so disfigured one would scarcely recognize Him as a human being.

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you see – we are too easily provoked, but Jesus is not.  
So then as a Christian - I need His control in my life.  
Jesus Christ Makes Us to "Endure"

## THE GOD OF THE BIBLE IS IN CONTROL

### 1b.) God cannot be fooled

...and they **asked** saying, "**Prophecy!** Who is the one who struck You?"

## “Prophecy!”

they are challenging His fame – being able to speak of the future.

When Examined, Jesus Christ Was Proven

## Who is the one who struck You?”

Not only did Jesus know the man who had struck him, He knew the man’s thought life. He knew his love life, He knew his past, Jesus knew the man’s future. - - Jesus knew the man !

According to the Bible, Doesn’t Jesus Christ know everything about us?  
Does He know everything about the man who is “striking” Him today?

earlier that night, Jesus had prophesied “Who”  
The “Who” would be that would come out against Him.

### Luke 22:53b

But this is **your hour**, ((and)) the **power of darkness.**”

It was the hour in which rebellious human kind unites with  
the demonic, satanic powers of the underworld.

### Isaiah 28:15

...We have made a **covenant** with death, **and with hell** are we at **agreement**;

## we’re not alone !

the bible teaches that there are invisible, non-human powers at war all around us in the spirit realm – and these good and evil forces are more at war than any earthly battle.

### 1 Peter 5:8

Be **vigilant (self-controlled and alert)**. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. :9 Resist him, standing firm against him **in the faith**,

**vigilant** grhgoreu/w gregoreuo, *gray-gor-yoo´-o*; to keep or be awake at your post. To guard against. To be looking out or beyond

**Why** would these roman soldiers go off on Jesus like they did - - with such brutality & hatred?

### **Ephesians 6:12-18**

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. :13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. :14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, :15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; :16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. :17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; :18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit,

### **If you're a Christian today, you're at war somewhere.**

There are those who are **in the fight** / there are those **entering the fight** / there are those who **talk about the fight** / there are those who **think they're in the fight**.

### **ONLY THOSE WHO ARE IN THE FIGHT**

Can begin to understand what the fight is all about...  
(it's between 2 opposing kingdoms - - and victory are the souls of men)

### **THE GOD OF THE BIBLE IS IN CONTROL**

**1c.) God cannot be accused**

**v.65**

And **many other things** they **blasphemously** spoke **against** Him.

When Examined,  
Jesus Christ Is Proven To Be Blameless  
The question naturally arises as to why?  
Why did Jesus Christ "allow" this to happen?

Allowing it had nothing to do with it,  
It was all about His love and obedience in action.

This "**many other things**" they **blasphemously** spoke **against** Him"  
Is a painful and cutting assault against Jesus Christ and His ministry.

They "misunderstood" Him – but they were not interested in the truth.  
They "misrepresented" Him – but they were not about to hear Him.

**blasphemously** blasfme÷w blasphemew, *blas-fay-meh'-o*;  
to vilify, to defame, to speak evil things or to **accuse**.

The answer was, That The Hour Had Come

**John 2:4**

Jesus response to his mother mary - **My hour has not yet come.**"

**John 7:6**

**"My time has not yet come...**

**John 7:8**

**for My time has not yet fully come."**

**But Now, As The Shadow of the Cross Loomed, Jesus Says "It's Time"**

**Matthew 26:18**

And He said, "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, "The Teacher says,  
**'My time is at hand**; I will keep the Passover

**In the middle eastern culture,  
You don't hear the gossip and slander that you hear in western countries.  
There is a fear and a respect that we don't have.**

Yet these men are attacking Jesus Christ because they have something personal against Him, not because He's wronged them or because He has been unjust or evil to them –

They hate Him because of what He generates inside of them. – He causes them to face themselves.

**What About Accusations in Your Life?**

The Christian doesn't listen to "accusations" because they are 99% rooted in Gossip. Gossipers love accusations because they stir up man's evil side like nothing else can.

**Romans 16:17-18**

I urge you, brethren, **note** (to set a mark upon) those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and **avoid them**. :18 For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the innocent.

# EXAMINING GOD

YOUR MESSIAH, YOUR SACRIFICE, YOUR SAVIOR

## 2.) The God of the Bible will be the Judge v.66-68

### 2a.) God assembles His critics v.66

As soon as it was day, the **elders** of the people, both **chief priests** and **scribes**, came together and led Him into their council, **saying...**

There is a Supreme Court of the Universe that Is Eternal  
and The Almighty God Sits on That Bench.

Both to Prove **them** Work and To Prove **Him** Right

#### Psalm 2:1-3 (4-5)

Why do the nations rage, And the people plot a vain thing? :2 For the kings of the earth have set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, Against **the LORD** (Adonai, YHWH) and against **His Anointed**, (Messiah, Christ) **saying**, :3 **“Come let us break Their bonds in pieces and let us cast away Their cords from us**

#### Psalm 2:4-5

He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; **The LORD** (Adonai, YHWH) shall hold them in derision. :5 **Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, And distress them in His deep displeasure.**

*deep displeasure*

*Hebrew = to mock, to scoff at, to deride.*

*He shall “hold them in derision”*

*He will surround them with the sounds of His anger !*

**There is a serious warning for all of us here today.**

\* These men knew the Bible better than the disciples did. \* These men had degrees and achievements which is how they got on this council. \* Outwardly, every one of us would have been impressed by these guys...

\* They were required to know the entire word of God, the Old Testament. They could quote it, teach it, speak it, demand it from others - - \* but they missed it themselves. - - and missed its most central character, Jesus Christ.



**Christian, never get fooled by what another person** (Christian or not) has to say about themselves. The question is, who are they in private - that is who and what they really are to God.

## THE GOD OF THE BIBLE WILL BE THE JUDGE

### 2b.) God asks the questions

v.67a

:67 "If You are the Christ, tell us."

I see this question coming from 2 different ends of the spectrum.

(1) **In Truth**, he was the Christ and so He could not lie against that. Jesus was perfection and perfection was incapable of betraying Himself.

(2) **In Deception**, they had finally thought up a question to ask Him that they knew He could not resist. Something inside of them told them that this is what Jesus could not fake, He had been answering this question all along !

Do you recognize those words, and that tone of speaking?

**Luke 4:3**

And the devil said to Him, "If You are **the Son** of God, command this stone to become bread."

### How Perfectly Profound & Divinely Simple is This

**John 1:1-2**

In the beginning was the Word, (when the beginning happened, the Word was there) and the Word was with God, (during the beginning) and the Word was God.

:2 He was in the beginning with God.

## THE GOD OF THE BIBLE WILL BE THE JUDGE

### 2c.) God answers our thoughts

v.67b

But He said to them, "If I tell you, you will **(1)** by no means believe.  
:68 And if I also ask you, you will **(2)** by no means answer Me nor **(3)** let Me go.

**Genesis 18:25c**

Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?"

## **THESE PEOPLE "KNEW" THE BIBLE.**

It said a **Messiah** would come – could Jesus be the One?  
It said where He would be **born** – could Jesus be the One?  
It said what **miracles** to look for – could Jesus be the One?  
It said what the Christ would **say** – could Jesus be the One?

Jesus Christ Is Standing There Condemned by Man  
And yet in total control by God

**Verse 67-68** deals with man's motives & Jesus knows them !

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**3.) The God of the Bible has come to us v.69-71**

**3a.) Jesus reassumes His rightful power v.69**

Hereafter *the Son of Man* will sit on the right hand of the power of God."

This **single verse alone** records and  
reveals

one of the most **absolute / monumental / undeniable**  
declarations of who Jesus Christ is.....

**It Demands That You Face the Facts ;**

(1) Jesus is the Man-Christ, And (2) That Jesus is the God-Christ

Jesus Reaches Back to The Book of Daniel, to a Messianic Revelation...

**Daniel 7:13**

"I was watching in the night visions, I beheld, One like **the Son of Man**,  
was coming with the clouds of heaven!

I Want You to Note The Following....

**“EXAMINING *Your* GOD”**

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**Matthew 10:22-26**

And you will be hated by all for My name’s sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved. **:23** When they persecute you in this city, flee to another. For assuredly, I say to you, you will not have gone through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

**:24** “A disciple is not above *his* teacher, nor a servant above his master. **:25** It is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher, and a servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more *will they call* those of his household! **:26** Therefore do not fear them. For there is nothing (**facebook, twitter, blogosphere**) covered that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known.

??? Would You Like to Become a Christian Today ???

**EVERY ONE OF US HAS A GOD**

**BUT HAVE YOU “EXAMINED *Your* GOD”?**

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*End of Study*