

Certainty... in a world of doubt

The Gospel of Luke

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community church



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“Do You Get It?” Luke 23:26-56

We have spent over a year in the Gospel of Luke and we are coming to the end of the book and to the climax of the story, the crucifixion, resurrection and the commissioning of Jesus Christ. It's almost as if Luke is asking us, “I have given you all of this information about Christ, have you responded in such a way that it has brought transformation to your life?” Do you get it? Have you had a life-transforming encounter with Christ (Luke 1:4)? In the Crucifixion account of Christ, some get it and some don't.

Who Gets It?

- ✓ Moral Outsider (2nd Criminal) v40
- ✓ Racial Outsider (The Centurion) v47
- ✓ Social Outsiders (The Group of Women) vv55-56
- ✓ Moral, Racial and Social Insider (Joseph of Arimathea) vv50-53
- You are never so good that you don't need God's grace and so bad that you can't receive God's grace (unmerited favor). Eph2:8-9
- The outsiders tend to get it before the insiders do because insiders have a pride induced spiritual blindness.
- In religion, the good are in and the bad are out but in the Gospel, the humble are in and the proud are out.

What Do They Get? Vv39-42

- Don't follow the crowd. vv39, 35, 36; Matt7:14; 1Cor1:18
- I'm terribly sinful and wonderfully loved simultaneously. vv41-42; Rom5:8
- I recognize what's at the center of my life and replace it with Christ. vv39, 42

How Do They Get It?

Why we can say... “I deserve to be punished (cast out) but please reward me (take me in).”

- Darkness (v44): Jesus came to bear God's judgment for me. Vv28-31; Joel 2:31; Amos 8:9
- Curtain (v45b): We have union & communion with God forever. Rom8
- With Me (v43): The moment you believe in Christ, everything He has done is true of you in God's eyes. You are as accepted, loved and delighted in as if you had done everything Jesus had done. Gal2:20; Rom6:5; Eph2:6; Col3:1-4

Growing Notes

- 1) Why do you think it's possible to have a lot of information about Jesus (i.e. Gospel of Luke) without transformation? What does it mean to have a life-transforming encounter with Christ?
- 2) Read Luke 23:26-56. What stands out to you from this text? In the crucifixion account of Christ, who gets it? What does this tell us about God's grace? Why do you think outsiders tend to get it before insiders? What is the difference between religion and the gospel?
- 3) Review the points and Bible verses under What Do They Get? Why shouldn't we follow the crowd (vv35, 36; Matt7:14; 1Cor1:18)? How does the 2nd criminal reveal he's terribly sinful and at the same time wonderfully loved (vv41-42; Rom5:8)? Those who get it know the difference between Jesus being the end or a means to the end (vv39, 42). Explain
- 4) Review the points and Bible verses under How Do They Get It? What does this tell me about God? What has God done for me? Who am I in Christ? What difference should this make in my life? Pray that your heart is melted by the spiritual understanding of what Christ has done for you.