

## One Year Bible – Week 13

### **Summary: Luke reading**

Jesus continues his ministry from his time in the wilderness by healings, calling the twelve apostles, and teaching on righteousness and faith.

### **Things to Look For and Questions to Ponder as You Read:**

- *NT* – Jesus raises a widow’s son from the dead in Lk 7:11-17. There are subtle cues as to perceptions of Jesus in this passage. For instance, Luke begins by referring to Jesus by name in v 11 but then in v 13 he calls him “the Lord.” Luke of course knows the full story which is why he makes this reference. Another example is seen in the response of the observers of this miracle when they say “God has come to help his people.” They thought Jesus was a great prophet but they saw in him God’s supernatural intervention toward them. What other perceptions of Jesus do you notice in your reading either from the author or observers? Each of these perceptions is there to inform us of something. Try to identify what God is telling you through that information. – *Mar 26*

### **Small Group Questions:**

- 1) *NT* – Luke records Jesus talking on the beatitudes (also recorded in Mt 5:3-12) and then he gives a series of woes (Lk 6:17-26) He proclaims woe unto the rich, well fed, those who laugh, and those who others speak well of. Is Jesus condemning wealth, provision, laughter, and reputation? Read this passage together and discuss the following: What is Jesus talking about in these woes? What in the context of these verses helps us understand his meaning here? How can we make sure to avoid in our own lives what Jesus is condemning here? – *Mar 24*
- 2) *NT* – In recording his detailed account, Luke identifies people who traveled with Jesus. (Lk 8:1-3) Does anything strike you about the details of his traveling companions? What does this detail indicate about Jesus’ ministry? How might what you see in this passage affect the way you share your faith with others? – *Mar 27*

### **Summary: Numbers and Deuteronomy reading**

Numbers finishes by giving a summary account of the wanderings of the Israelites and the established boundaries and geographically specific regulations of the Promised Land. The word Deuteronomy means “repetition of the law.” Many scholars have noted the similarities of Deuteronomy with

historical suzerain-vassal treaties (treaties between a ruler and a conquered state that is under their rule). Thus, as you read Deuteronomy you may observe it as a treaty between God and the Israelites. In the same way a ruler stipulates a treaty to subordinates, God stipulates his law to the Israelites. Notice these observed sections of the “treaty:” Preamble (1:1-5) – Historical Prologue (1:6-4:43) – Stipulations of the Covenant (4:44-26:19) – Ratification; Blessings and Curses (Chas 27-30) – Succession of Leadership (Chas 31-34).

### **[Old Testament Extra Credit]**

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 is known as the Shema (Hebrew word for “hear” which is how the passage begins) which is recited regularly by orthodox Jews. Why do you think this passage is given special attention? Do you make any observations about what might be considered important in this passage? What does this passage indicate about God and about how we are to follow him? – *Mar 26*

### **Journal the Psalms this week:**

Invitation is compelling. We are not commanded to follow God, we are invited. Inherent in invitation are at least two aspects: First, the *invited* is wanted. Second, the *inviter* is presenting something of value. Read Psalm 66. Note the invitations in this Psalm. Journal about your response to these invitations and/or your willingness and frequency of giving them to others. – *Mar 23*

### **A Lenten Sermon-related Question:**

When you hear the word, “faithfulness,” what person comes to your mind? Why?

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### **Reading Schedule:**

Num = Numbers / Dt = Deuteronomy / Lk = Luke / Ps = Psalms / Pr = Proverbs



Mar 22 – Num 33:40-35:34 / Lk 5:12-28 / Ps 65:1-13 / Pr 11:23  
Mar 23 – Num 36:1-Dt 1:46 / Lk 5:29-6:11 / Ps 66:1-20 / Pr 11:24-26  
Mar 24 – Dt 2:1-3:29 / Lk 6:12-38 / Ps 67:1-7 / Pr 11:27  
Mar 25 – Dt 4:1-49 / Lk 6:39-7:10 / Ps 68:1-18 / Pr 11:28  
Mar 26 – Dt 5:1-6:25 / Lk 7:11-35 / Ps 68:19-35 / Pr 11:29-31  
Mar 27 – Dt 7:1-8:20 / Lk 7:36-8:3 / Ps 69:1-18 / Pr 12:1  
Mar 28 – Dt 9:1-10:22 / Lk 8:4-21 / Ps 69:19-36 / Pr 12:2-3