

### Late Judean Ministry—Commissioning of the Seventy (November 32)

Luke 10:1–16

- 1 And after these *things*, the Lord also appointed seventy-two others and sent them out two by two before him into every town and place where he was about to go.
- 2 And he said to them, “The harvest *is* plentiful, but the workers *are* few. Therefore ask the Lord of the harvest that he send out workers into his harvest.
- 3 Go! Behold, I am sending you out like lambs in the midst of wolves!
- 4 Do not carry a money bag or a traveler’s bag or sandals, and greet no one along the road.
- 5 And into whatever house you enter, first say, “Peace *be* to this household!”
- 6 And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest on him. But if not, it will return to you.
- 7 And remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the worker *is* worthy of his pay. Do not move from house to house.
- 8 And into whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat whatever is set before you,
- 9 and heal the sick in it, and say to them, “The kingdom of God has come near to you.”
- 10 But into whatever town you enter and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets *and* say,
- 11 “Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you! Nevertheless know this: that the kingdom of God has come near!”
- 12 I tell you that it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town!
- 13 Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles that were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes!
- 14 But it will be more bearable for Tyre and for Sidon in the judgment than for you!
- 15 And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? No! You will be brought down to Hades!
- 16 The one who listens to you listens to me, and the one who rejects you rejects me. But the one who rejects me rejects the one who sent me.”

### Late Judean Ministry—Return of the Seventy (November 32)

Luke 10:17–24

- 17 And the seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!”
- 18 So he said to them, “I saw Satan falling like lightning from heaven.
- 19 Behold, I have given you the authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will ever harm you.
- 20 Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are inscribed in heaven.”
- 21 At *that* same time he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these *things* from the wise and intelligent and have revealed them to young children. Yes, Father, for this was pleasing before you.
- 22 All *things* have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father and who the Father is except the Son, and *anyone* to whom the Son wants to reveal *him*.”
- 23 And turning to the disciples, he said privately, “Blessed *are* the eyes that see *the things* which you see!
- 24 For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see *the things* which you see, and did not see *them*, and to hear *the things* which you hear, and did not hear *them*.”

### Late Judean Ministry—Who Is My Neighbor? (November 32)

Luke 10:25–37

- 25 And behold, a certain legal expert stood up to test him, saying, “Teacher, what must I do so that I will inherit eternal life?”
- 26 And he said to him, “What is written in the law? How do you read *it*?”
- 27 And he answered *and* said, “You shall love the Lord your God from all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” [[Deut 6:5](#); [Lev 19:18](#)]
- 28 And he said to him, “You have answered correctly. Do this and you will live.” [[Lev 18:5](#)]
- 29 But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”
- 30 And Jesus replied *and* said, “A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who both stripped him and beat *him*. *After* inflicting blows on *him*, they went away, leaving *him* half dead.
- 31 Now by coincidence a certain priest was going down on that road, and *when he* saw him, he passed by on the opposite side.
- 32 And in the same way also a Levite, *when he* came down to the place and saw *him*, passed by on the opposite side.
- 33 But a certain Samaritan who was traveling came up to him and, *when he* saw *him*, had compassion.
- 34 And he came up *and* bandaged his wounds, pouring on olive oil and wine, and he put him on his own animal *and* brought him to an inn and took care of him.

35 And on the next day, he took out two denarii *and gave them* to the innkeeper, and said, “Take care of him, and whatever you spend in addition, I will repay to you when I return.

36 Which of these three do you suppose became a neighbor of the man who fell among the robbers?”

37 So he said, “The one who showed mercy to him.” And Jesus said to him, “You go and do likewise.”

### Late Judean Ministry—Mary and Martha (November 32)

Luke 10:38–42

38 Now as they traveled along, he entered into a certain village. And a certain woman named Martha welcomed him.

39 And she had a sister named Mary, who also sat at the feet of Jesus *and* was listening to his teaching.

40 But Martha was distracted with much preparation, so she approached *and* said, “Lord, is it not a concern to you that my sister has left me alone to make preparations? Then tell her that she should help me!”

41 But the Lord answered *and* said to her, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many *things*!

42 But few *things* are necessary, or *only one thing*, for Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.”

### Late Judean Ministry—Teach Us to Pray (November 32)

Luke 11:1–13

1 And it happened that while he was in a certain place praying, when he stopped a certain one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John also taught his disciples.”

2 And he said to them, “When you pray, say,

“Father,  
may your name be treated as holy.  
May your kingdom come.

3 Give us each day our daily bread.

4 And forgive us our sins,  
for we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.  
And do not lead us into temptation.”

5 And he said to them, “Who of you will have a friend, and will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves,  
6 because a friend of mine has come to me on a journey, and I do not have anything to set before him.’

7 And that one will answer from inside *and* say, ‘Do not cause me trouble! The door has already been shut and my children are with me in bed! I am not able to get up to give you *anything*.’

8 I tell you, even if he does not give him *anything after he* gets up because *he* is his friend, at any rate because of his impudence he will get up *and* give him whatever he needs.

9 And I tell you, ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and it will be opened for you.

10 For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

11 But what father from among you, *if his* son will ask for a fish, instead of a fish will give him a snake?

12 Or also, *if he* will ask for an egg, will give him a scorpion?

13 Therefore if you, *although you* are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father from heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?”

### Late Judean Ministry—A House Divided (November 32)

Luke 11:14–36

14 And he was expelling a mute demon. Now it happened that *when* the demon came out, the man who had been mute spoke, and the crowds were astonished.

15 But some of them said, “By Beelzebul the ruler of demons he expels demons!”

16 And others, *in order to* test him, were demanding from him a sign from heaven.

17 But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls.

18 So if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say *that* I expel demons by Beelzebul.

19 But if I expel demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons expel *them*? For this *reason* they will be your judges!

20 But if I expel demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you!

21 When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his possessions are safe.

22 But when a stronger man attacks him *and* conquers him, he takes away his full armor in which he trusted and distributes his plunder.

23 The one who is not with me is against me, and the one who does not gather with me scatters.

24 “Whenever an unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it travels through waterless places searching for rest, and does not find it. It says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came out.’

25 And *when it* arrives it finds *the house* swept and put in order.

26 Then it goes and brings along seven other spirits more evil than itself, and *they* go in *and* live there. And the last *state* of that person becomes worse than the first!”

27 Now it happened that as he said these *things*, a certain woman from the crowd raised *her* voice *and* said to him, “Blessed is the womb that bore you, and *the breasts at* which you nursed!”

28 But he said, “On the contrary, blessed *are* those who hear the word of God and follow *it!*”

29 And *as* the crowds were increasing, he began to say, “This generation is an evil generation! It demands a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah! [cf. [Jon 3](#)]

30 For just as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so also the Son of Man will be to this generation.

31 The queen of the south will rise up at the judgment with the people of this generation and condemn them, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, *something* greater than Solomon is here! [cf. [1 Kgs 10:1–3](#)]

32 The people of Nineveh will stand up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the proclamation of Jonah, and behold, *something* greater than Jonah is here!

33 “No one *after* lighting a lamp puts *it* in a cellar or under a bushel basket, but on a lampstand, so that those who come in can see the light.

34 Your eye is the lamp of the body. When your eye is sincere, your whole body is full of light also. But when it is evil, your body is dark also.

35 Therefore pay careful attention *that* the light in you is not darkness!

36 If therefore your whole body is full of light, not having any part dark, it will be completely full of light, as when the lamp with *its* light gives light to you.”

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### **Chronological Notes**

- 1) Thomas & Gundry comment on Luke 11:15—“The same accusation was made about a year before when a similar debate ensued. Jesus used the same three arguments he had used on the earlier occasion. That the two encounters were distinct from each other is seen by three factors: 1) Luke appears to place this debate in Judea while the earlier one was in Galilee. 2) In Luke’s account the man healed is dumb, but in Matthew’s he is blind and dumb. Luke, in line with his medical orientation, would hardly have failed to mention the blindness if this were the man’s condition. 3) Events that follow the two episodes are quite different, namely, the initiation of parabolic teaching in the earlier case and breakfast with a Pharisee in the later.”<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Robert L. Thomas & Stanley N. Gundry, *A Harmony of the Gospels: New American Standard Edition*, (Moody Press 1978), 139.