

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

Luke 10:1–16

- 1 After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him two by two into every town and place where he himself was about to go.
- 2 He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest.
- 3 Go! I am sending you out like lambs surrounded by wolves.
- 4 Do not carry a money bag, a traveler’s bag, or sandals, and greet no one on the road.
- 5 Whenever you enter a house, first say, ‘May peace be on this house!’
- 6 And if a peace-loving person is there, your peace will remain on him, but if not, it will return to you.
- 7 Stay in that same house, eating and drinking what they give you, for the worker deserves his pay. Do not move around from house to house.
- 8 Whenever you enter a town and the people welcome you, eat what is set before you.
- 9 Heal the sick in that town and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come upon you!’
- 10 But whenever you enter a town and the people do not welcome you, go 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: The kingdom of God has come.’
- 12 I tell you, 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 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 Sidon in the judgment than for you!
- 15 And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? No, you will be thrown down to Hades!
- 16 “The one who listens to you listens to me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and 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 Then the seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name!”
- 18 So he said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.
- 19 Look, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions and on the full force of the enemy, and nothing will hurt you.
- 20 Nevertheless, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names stand written in heaven.”
- 21 On that same occasion Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and intelligent, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this was your gracious will.
- 22 All things have been given to me by my Father. No one knows who the Son is except the Father, or who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son decides to reveal him.”
- 23 Then Jesus turned to his disciples and said privately, “Blessed are the eyes that see what you see!
- 24 For I tell you that many prophets and kings longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.”

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

Luke 10:25–37

- 25 Now an expert in religious law stood up to test Jesus, saying, “Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”
- 26 He said to him, “What is written in the law? How do you understand it?”
- 27 The expert answered, “*Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself.*” [[Deut 6:5](#); [Lev 19:18](#)]
- 28 Jesus said to him, “You have answered correctly; *do this, and you will live.*” [[Lev 18:5](#)]
- 29 But the expert, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”
- 30 Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him up, and went off, leaving him half dead.
- 31 Now by chance a priest was going down that road, but when he saw the injured man he passed by on the other side.
- 32 So too a Levite, when he came up to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.
- 33 But a Samaritan who was traveling came to where the injured man was, and when he saw him, he felt compassion for him.
- 34 He went up to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

35 The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever else you spend, I will repay you when I come back this way.'

36 Which of these three do you think became a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?"

37 The expert in religious law said, "The one who showed mercy to him." So Jesus said to him, "Go and do the same."

Late Judean Ministry—Mary and Martha (November 32)

Luke 10:38–42

38 Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him as a guest.

39 She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he said.

40 But Martha was distracted with all the preparations she had to make, so she came up to him and said, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do all the work alone? Tell her to help me."

41 But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things,

42 but one thing is needed. Mary has chosen the best part; it will not be taken away from her."

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

Luke 11:1–13

1 Now Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he stopped, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

2 So he said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be honored;
may your kingdom come.

3 Give us each day our daily bread,

4 and forgive us our sins,

for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.

And do not lead us into temptation."

5 Then he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,

6 because a friend of mine has stopped here while on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him.'

7 Then he will reply from inside, 'Do not bother me. The door is already shut, and my children and I are in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything.'

8 I tell you, even though the man inside will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of the first man's sheer persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

9 "So I tell you: Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.

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

11 What father among you, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead of a fish?

12 Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion?

13 If you then, although you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Late Judean Ministry—A House Divided (November 32)

Luke 11:14–36

14 Now he was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the man who had been mute began to speak, and the crowds were amazed.

15 But some of them said, "By the power of Beelzebul, the ruler of demons, he casts out demons."

16 Others, to test him, began asking for a sign from heaven.

17 But Jesus, realizing their thoughts, said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is destroyed, and a divided household falls.

18 So if Satan too is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? I ask you this because you claim that I cast out demons by Beelzebul.

19 Now if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges.

20 But if I cast out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has already overtaken you.

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

22 But when a stronger man attacks and conquers him, he takes away the first man's armor on which the man relied and divides up

his plunder.

23 Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

24 “When an unclean spirit goes out of a person, it passes through waterless places looking for rest but not finding any. Then it says, ‘I will return to the home I left.’

25 When it returns, it finds the house swept clean and put in order.

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

27 As he said these things, a woman in the crowd spoke out to him, “Blessed is the womb that bore you and the breasts at which you nursed!”

28 But he replied, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it!”

29 As the crowds were increasing, Jesus began to say, “This generation is a wicked generation; it looks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah. [cf. [Jonah 3](#)]

30 For just as Jonah became a sign to the people of Nineveh, so the Son of Man will be a sign 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 now, 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 when Jonah preached to them—and now, something greater than Jonah is here!

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

34 Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is full of light, but when it is diseased, your body is full of darkness.

35 Therefore see to it that the light in you is not darkness.

36 If then your whole body is full of light, with no part in the dark, it will be as full of light as when the light of a lamp shines on 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.”¹

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