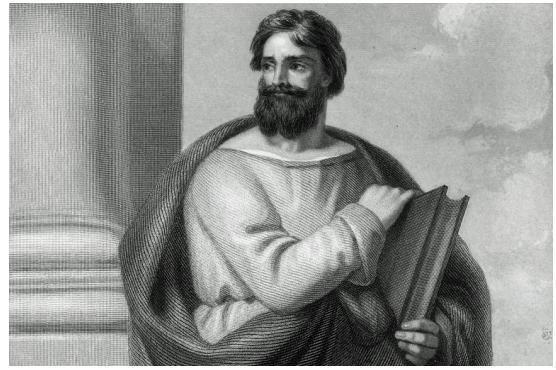


THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

LUKE



LUKE 12:1-34

TEACHINGS ON HYPOCRISY — VV. 1-3

- How successful was Jesus' healing and teaching ministry in this area?
- What is leaven?
 - How does it work?
 - How much is needed?
 - How great is its effect?
 - What did "leaven" usually represent in Jewish culture?
- What is hypocrisy?
 - What is the Greek background to the word?
 - What is most helpful to a "hypocrite" (actor) in making you believe is the person he portrays?
 - How does it differ from inconsistency?
- Now that we know what leaven is and does and what hypocrisy is, what is Jesus trying to warn them (and us) against?
- The "_____ " will be "_____ "
 - When this concept is used in Matthew (10:26,27), Mark (4:22), and even Luke (8:17) what does the context tell us it is speaking about?
 - Given this new context, what is Jesus pointing to, when He says that covered things will be revealed?
 - What is the warning being given to those who might find hypocrisy tempting?

- What can we learn in our Christian lives?

GOD KNOWS AND CARES — VV. 4-7

- Why would anyone care what the Pharisees said?
 - What sorts of things could the Pharisees or other Jewish leaders do, if people didn't follow their teachings (and by implication their hypocrisy)?
 - Why did this matter to them?
 - What was the worst they could do to a person? (What did they do to Jesus?)
- What is Jesus reminding the disciples about?
- What is Jesus' meaning when He mentions in **this** context about sparrows and the number of hairs on our head?
 - Will any obedience or act of loyalty to the Lord be forgotten or overlooked?
 - Psalms 56:8-11 "You have taken account of my wanderings;
Put my _____ in Your bottle. Are they not in Your _____?
Then my enemies will turn back in the day when I call;
This I know, that God is _____ me.
In God, whose word I praise,
In the LORD, whose word I praise,
In God I have put my _____, I shall not be _____.
What can _____ do to me?"

CONFESSIOIN AND BLASPHEMY — VV. 8-12

- Why does anyone hesitate to confess Jesus as the Son of God and that he follows Him? (Why did Peter deny Jesus?)
- How can we confess or deny Jesus?
 - Romans 10:9, 10 _____
 - Titus 1:16 _____

- What is blasphemy?
 - What has the Holy Spirit done? What does the Holy Spirit do?
 - Why is blasphemy against the Holy Spirit so serious as to be unforgivable?
- In an age in which miracles have passed away, do vvs. 11 and 12 have relevance to us? How?
 - Does the Holy Spirit still speak and teach?
 - What should our source of defense against false teachers or secular/pagan opponents be?
 - Commentaries
 - Theologians
 - Prominent philosophers
 - Bible

COVETOUSNESS' DANGER — VV. 13-21

- “Tell my _____ to divide the _____ with me!”
 - Was this a legitimate complaint?
 - Why do you suppose that Jesus was being asked to arbitrate?
 - Why didn't Jesus just judge and move on?
 - What does Jesus decide to do instead?
- What is greed?
 - Are there more than one form of greed?
 - What does greed keep us from doing?

- What does greed tempt us to do?
- The land of a rich man was very _____...
 - If you are rich are you in great need or want? _____
 - Was it a bad thing that his land was productive? _____
 - What were some of the choices that lay before the rich man that he could do with his bumper crop?
 - Why did the rich man choose to tear down the smaller barns and build bigger barns?
 - What made this choice foolish in God's eyes?
 - What application did Jesus make of this parable to everyday life?
 - What does Jesus mean by "rich toward God"? (How do you do that?) (see v. 33)

DO NOT WORRY — vv. 22-34

- How does this section fit in with the rest of the context?
- "Stop _____!" — an imperative in Greek (command)
 - What does it mean to worry? How is it different from legitimate concern?
 - What is Jesus teaching us about how to stop worrying in vv. 22,23?
 - If God feeds the ravens, what can we be assured of? _____
 - How much good does worry do to resolve our problems? _____
 - If God clothes the grass, what can we be assured of? _____
 - Does God already know what we need? _____
 - What does Jesus encourage us to spend our energies on instead of worry?
 - Given the context of v. 32, what does Jesus mean by "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has chosen gladly to give you the kingdom."
 - What does Jesus say is the best insurance against theft and depreciation (moth, rust, and wearing out)?