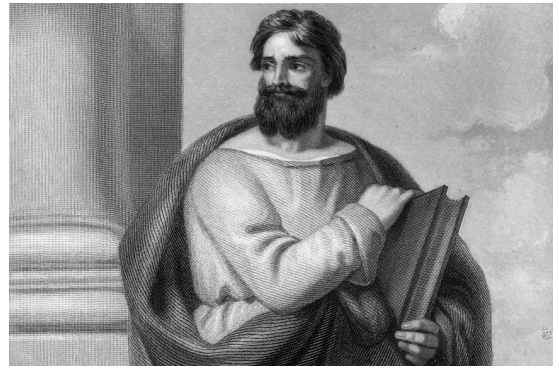


THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

# LUKE



LUKE 12:35-59

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## TWO TEACHINGS ON READINESS — vv. 35-48

- When did wedding feasts usually happen?
  - When would guests be returning home?
  - Are servants usually in attendance at such feasts?
  - Where are they?
  - What is their job?
- What is the significance of “be dressed and ready” and “lamps lit”?
  - How should we understand this coming of the Master?
  - “Dressed in readiness” — The phrase in Greek more literally means “let your loins be girt”
    - Flowing robes were not easy to work or serve in, so when it came time to work, most men would gather up their robes and tuck them into their belt (girdle).
  - How would most people be dressed at night?
  - How do we do this as Christians?

- What am I doing, when I “leave the light on”?
  - What are others doing with their lamps?
  - How do we do this as Christians?
- There’s a twist here; why does Jesus say, “Blessed are those slaves whom the master will find on the alert when he comes”?
  - What is the message of this parable?
- What’s the meaning of coming in the second watch or the third watch?
  - What is a watch?
  - When is...
    - The first watch —
    - The second watch —
    - The third watch
  - The meaning of this in the parable...
- If thieves want to break in and steal, what time of the day do they choose? (Do they make appointments?)
  - How do we get ready?
  - How do we stay ready?

- How long must we stay ready?
  
- Why is there an emphasis on getting and staying ready? (What is our human inclination?)
  
- What was Peter's question?
  - What do you suppose was Peter's confusion?
  
- The parable of the faithful and sensible steward... (vv. 42-48)
  - What is a steward?
    - How is he different from the rest of the slave staff?
    - At whom do you think Jesus is aiming this parable?
    - As a result, at whom do you think Jesus was aiming the first parable?
  - What happens to faithful stewards? (v. 44)
  - What is the unfaithful steward doing? (v. 45)
  - What will happen to the unfaithful steward? (v. 46)
  
- What is the point of vv. 47,48?
  - Is it teaching degrees of punishment? Why or why not?
  - Is it teaching degrees of culpability? Why or why not?

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## **CHRIST DIVIDES MEN — vv. 49-53**

- What did casting fire on the earth symbolize?
  - Was this judgment about?
  - What does Jesus mean that He wishes that it were already kindled?
- What is this baptism (v. 50) about?
  - What does the Greek word baptism mean?
  - What do you think Jesus was referring to?
- Is Jesus about unity or division?
  - What's so divisive about Jesus?
  - What must Jesus' disciples be prepared for?

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## **DISCERNING THINGS — vv. 54-59**

- What times is Jesus telling men that should be discerning?
- Does this encouragement have any application to His second coming?