

LUKE : JESUS FOR PAGANS & SKEPTICS
JESUS ON PRAYER

First Reading
2 Corinthians 3:4-9

The Gospel
Luke 11:1-13

*Free Bibles available on
stage near Besserer door.



Making disciples gripped by
the gospel, living for God's glory.

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TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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We are a prayerful, Bible-teaching, evangelical church in the heart of the city with a heart for the city and the world. We are a member of the Anglican Network in Canada and part of the Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans. We seek to be a biblically faithful and orthodox church within the Anglican Way of following Jesus.

Are you new? Get connected!

Are you interested in learning more about Messiah and getting connected? Email info@messiahchurch.ca or call **613.235.0596**. Also check out our website at messiahchurch.ca.

Nursery & Sunday School

Nursery (0 - 24 months) and Sunday School (2 yrs - Grade 6) are available at the 10am Service. For Nursery, please bring children to the lobby before or during the service. For Sunday School, kids are invited to "follow the cross" during the third worship song.

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Giving

If you are visiting, please feel free to let the plate go by.
If you would like to donate, there are two ways to give:

- 1) Place cash or cheques payable to "Church of the Messiah" in the offering plate on Sunday, or mail to the church office.
- 2) Visit messiahchurch.ca/give to donate online via CanadaHelps.

Financial Update / January - July 2014

Actual Offering: \$153,025
Target Offering: \$184,479

Dear Friends,

The Gospel of Luke was written by a former pagan for a curious pagan. The name "Theophilus" means "Friend of God." So we do not know if Luke wrote for a person named Theophilus, or if he wrote for anyone and everyone who considers themselves to be a friend of God. But remember, it is not a Jewish word but a pagan word. Luke was writing to pagans and former pagans. All of us get to listen in!

Luke himself was not Jewish and he was not an eye witness of Jesus. Like you and me, Luke was an "ear-witness." He was told. We do not know when Luke the pagan became a Christian, we just know that he was from Antioch and that sometime before the early 50's he had become a Christian. He was a trained physician, so he was a well educated man. While Luke was not an eye witness of Jesus, he was a key participant in the early Christian movement. He became a traveling companion of Paul, and he was with Paul on his second and third missionary journeys. In fact, Luke was part of a world changing event. Luke was with Paul and a handful of other men when they became the first Christians to step foot on European soil. The story is recounted in Acts 16.

Luke is at pains (Luke 1:1-14 and Acts 1:1-3) to assure Theophilus that he examined the evidence about Jesus very carefully. Luke claimed to be writing a true story, or account, of Jesus. Luke was not writing a story based on true events or inspired by true events. Luke claims that after careful research, he is writing a true story recounting what Jesus really did and said. He is claiming access to written records and eye witness accounts which he subjected to pointed questions so that what he wrote would be true.

Luke probably wrote Luke and Acts in the early 60's, approximately thirty years after the death and resurrection of Jesus. This means he could talk to many Christians and non-Christian people who had been eye witnesses. Luke's Gospel has never been proven wrong on matters of historical detail. As archaeology has advanced, new knowledge has confirmed Luke.

I am recommencing my sermon series on Luke at Chapter 11. You can go to messiahchurch.ca to hear my previous sermons on Luke. Please pray for me as I begin again to preach through the Gospel of Luke.

George +

I need to develop godly attitudes.

- A) Pray for godly attitudes in general & certain attitudes in particular.
- B) Ask others to pray the same thing for you.
- C) Say the attitude again and again to help it sink in. Do this in conjunction with A & B!

Attitudes.

- 1) "No" is not God's favourite word.
- 2) If God never said "no," He would not be good or loving or wise.
- 3) When you pray, let God say "no," do not say His "no" for Him.

I need to grow in prayer.

A great to do this is to learn to pray the Bible. Pray this prayer until you can pray without reading.

"Loving heavenly Father, please pour out Your Holy Spirit upon me to teach me and help me to ask and seek and knock. I ask this in the name of Jesus, Your Son and my Saviour. Amen."

I need to get God's word in my mind and heart.

"And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened."
(Luke 11:9-10 ESV)

I need to do something or start to do something.

Complete the following sentence: "In light of God's word, the Holy Spirit is leading me to _____."

GOING DEEPER

Getting to know me.

Did your mother and/or father pray with you when you were a child?

Getting into the Bible.

Please remember to pray before you read. Ask God to pour out His Holy Spirit and lead you into truth.

- 1) Read Luke 11:1-13
- 2) Read Luke 11:1. Then read: Luke 3:21, 5:16, 6:12, 9:18 & 28, 22:41
- 3) Read Luke 11:2. Then: Luke 6:27, 10:2, 18:1-8, 9-14, 21:34-36, 22:39-46
- 4) Read Luke 11:1-13

Getting real.

As a result of reading God's word written, is there something the Holy Spirit is leading you to share with others so they can pray for you?

TUES / SEP 9 Messiah Prayer Meeting
7:00pm @ Messiah Office / 315 Lisgar St.

Lowertown Home Group
7:00pm @ 110 Nelson St.

WED / SEP 10 Men's Bible Study
5:30pm @ Rideau Centre

Church on Wednesday Kick-off
7:00pm @ uOttawa

The Wurttemberg Home Group
7:30pm @ 612 Wurttemberg St.

THUR / SEP 11 Old Ottawa South Home Group
7:15pm @ 267 Sunnyside Ave.

SUN / SEP 14 DOORS OPEN
Immediately after 10AM Service

FRI / SEP 19 Messiah Youth
7:00pm @ Sainte Anne's / 340 York St.

SUN / SEP 21 CHURCH POTLUCK
Immediately after 10AM Service

TUES / SEP 23 Marriage Alpha
Sign-up today! Email alpha@messiahchurch.ca.

SAT / SEP 27 Women's Hike
10:00am @ Gatineau Park

ROCK THE CAPITAL
6:00pm @ The Life Centre in Orleans

CHURCH DIRECTORY

We are updating the Church Directory! Please consider taking two minutes to update your info online at messiahchurch.ca/directory.

DOORS OPEN

On Sunday, Sept 14 stick around after the 10am service to learn more about Messiah's home groups and Bible studies starting this Fall! (p.s. There will be food!)

MARRIAGE ALPHA

The Marriage Course is for any couple who wants to invest in their relationship, whether you have been together 1 or 61 years and whether you're strong or struggling. The course is free, and is open to everyone. Space is limited to 6 couples! Reserve your spot today by emailing your name and phone number to alpha@messiahchurch.ca. Visit messiahchurch.ca/alpha for more info!