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Bible Translation Reviewers' Guide

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1:26-38

Part 1

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The angel Gabriel came to a virgin named Mary. [1:26-27]
He told her that she would become pregnant and give birth to a son. [1:31]
He told her that she would name her son Jesus. [1:31]
He told her that her son would be called the Son of the Most High and that God would give him the throne of his ancestor David. [1:32]
He told her that the Holy Spirit would come upon her, and her son would be called the Son of God. [1:35]

Part 2

1. To whom did God send the angel Gabriel? [1:26-27]

God sent Gabriel to Mary, who was a virgin and engaged to be married.

2. Who do you think Luke called "a descendant of David"? [1:27]

Luke may have called either Joseph or Mary a descendant of David. The Greek text is not clear.

3. What did the angel say about Mary? [1:28]

He said that she was highly favored and that the Lord was with her.

4. What did Mary think? [1:29]

She was confused by what he said, and she wondered what kind of greeting this was. She did not understand why the angel said this to her.

5. What was the reason that Mary should not be afraid? [1:30]

The angel said Mary should not be afraid because she had found favor with God.

What do you think it means that she had found favor with God? [1:30]

Perhaps it means that God was pleased with her.

7. What did the angel say would happen to Mary? [1:31]

Mary would become pregnant and give birth to a son.

8. What name did the angel say Mary would call her son? [1:31]

She would call her son "Jesus."

9. What did the angel say about Mary's son? [1:32]

Her son would be great and would be called the Son of the Most High.

10. Who do you think the Most High is? [1:32]

The Most High is God.

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11. What would the Lord God give to Mary's son? [1:32]

The Lord God would give Mary's son the throne of his ancestor David. This means that her son would be king like his ancestor David was king.

12. How will this son's reign be different from anyone else's reign? [1:33]

He will reign forever.

13. If he will reign forever, what do you think must be true about him? [1:33]

He will live forever.

14. Why did Mary ask how this would happen? [1:27, 34]

Mary was a virgin. She had not had sexual relations with any man.

15. How would Mary become pregnant? [1:35]

The Holy Spirit would come upon her and the power of the Most High would come upon her. This means that the Holy Spirit would come to her and that by his glorious power, she would conceive this son.

16. How did the angel describe the baby that would be born? [1:35]

He would be holy.

17. What would the baby be called? [1:35]

He would be called the Son of God.

18. Why do you think that he would be called "the Son of God"? [1:35]

He would really be the Son of God. This baby would also be called the Son of God because he would be conceived by the Holy Spirit rather than by a human father.

19. What did the angel tell Mary is impossible for God? [1:37]

The angel said that nothing is impossible with God. This means that God is able to do anything.

20. Why do you think the angel told Mary that her relative Elizabeth had also become pregnant? [1:36-37]

He said this to help Mary believe that God could cause Elizabeth to also become pregnant miraculously.

21. What did Mary say to the angel? [1:38]

"I am the female servant of the Lord. Let it be for me according to your message."

2:1-7

Part 1

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ш	The government was going to take a census, so everyone went to their own cities to be registered. [2:1-3]
	Joseph went to Bethlehem because he was of the house and family line of David. [2:4]
	Joseph took Mary, who was engaged to marry him. [2:5]
	She gave birth to a son there and laid him in a manger. [2:6-7]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

- What did Caesar Augustus's decree order? [2:1]
 It ordered that all the people in the world should be counted in a census.
- 2. What was Quirinius's work? [2:2] He was the governor of Syria.
- 3. What did everyone do? [2:3]

They went to their own city to be registered for the census.

4. Why did Joseph go to Bethlehem and not to some other city? [2:4] He went to Bethlehem because Bethlehem was the city of David, and Joseph belonged to the house and family line of David.

- 5. Why did Mary go with Joseph, and what condition was she in? [2:5]

 She went with Joseph because she was engaged to him. She was pregnant.
- 6. What happened while Joseph and Mary were in Bethlehem? [2:6] The time came for her to give birth.
- 7. How did Mary care for her newborn baby? [2:7]

She wrapped him in long strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, which was a trough for animal food.

- Why do you think she wrapped the baby in strips of cloth? [2:7]She probably did this to keep him warm and to comfort him.
- 9. What else do you think was in the manger? [2:7]

 There was probably straw or hay in it for animals to eat.
- 10. What was Luke's explanation for why Mary laid the baby in a manger? [2:7] She did that because there was no room for them in the inn.

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Ш	An angel of the Lord told some shepherds that a Savior was born in the town of David. [2:8-11]
	The angel said they would find the baby wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger. [2:12]
	A great crowd of angels came and praised God. [2:13-14]
	The shepherds went to Bethlehem and found Mary, Joseph, and the baby. [2:15-16]
	The shepherds went and told others and praised God. [2:17-20]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

- 1. What were the shepherds doing? [2:8]

 They were guarding their flocks of sheep in the fields.
- 2. How did the shepherds react when they saw the angel? [2:9] They were greatly frightened.
- 3. What did the angel tell them? [2:10]

He told them not to be afraid. He said he had good news that would bring joy to all the people.

- 4. What was the good news that the angel told the shepherds? [2:11]

 On that day, a Savior was born in the city of David. That Savior was Christ the Lord.
- 5. How would the shepherds be able to know which baby was the Savior? [2:12] That baby would be wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger.
- 6. What happened after the angel told this to the shepherds? [2:13] Suddenly many angels from heaven appeared and praised God.
- 7. What did the shepherds do once the angels had gone to heaven? [2:15]

 They decided to go to Bethlehem to see what the Lord had told them.
- 8. When the shepherds told people about the baby, how did the people feel? [2:18] They were amazed.
- 9. How did Mary respond to the shepherds' visit? [2:19]

 She kept thinking about the things she had heard and treasured them in her heart.
- 10. What did the shepherds do as they returned? [2:20]
 The shepherds glorified and praised God for all the things they had seen and heard.

3:1-20

Background: The events in Luke 3 took place about 30 years after John and Jesus were born.

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The word of God came to John, the son of Zechariah. [3:2]
John went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. [3:3]
John told the crowd what they should do to repent. [3:10-14]
When the crowd wondered if John was the Christ, he told them about the one who would come after him. [3:15-17]
Herod locked up John in prison. [3:20]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. During the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, what positions did Pontius Pilate, Herod, Philip, and Lysanias have? [3:1]

Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod, Philip and Lysanias were all tetrarchs of different regions.

- 2. What position did Annas and Caiaphas have at that time? [3:2]
 - They were high priests.
- 3. What happened during the priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas? [3:1-2]

The word of God came to John, the son of Zechariah.

- 4. What message did John preach throughout the region around the Jordan River? [3:3] John preached a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.
- 5. According to Isaiah the prophet, who would tell people to prepare the way of the Lord? [3:4] One calling out in the wilderness would tell people to do that.
- 6. Why do you think the one calling out in the wilderness would talk about valleys, mountains, crooked paths, and uneven places? [3:5]

Perhaps those are examples of what would need to be fixed as people prepared the way of the Lord.

- 7. What would happen when the Lord came? [3:6]
 - Everyone would see how God would save people.
- 8. Why do you think Luke quoted Isaiah the prophet? [3:3-6]

Luke probably wanted to show that John fulfilled Isaiah's prophecy. When John preached in the wilderness that people should repent, he was like someone calling out in the wilderness, telling people to prepare the way of the Lord.

Luke 3:1-20 continued

- 9. What did John say to the crowds who were coming out to be baptized by him? [3:7]

 John said, "You offspring of vipers! Who warned you to run away from the wrath to come?"
- 10. What did John tell the people to do? [3:8]

 John told them to produce fruits that came from repentance.
- 11. What did John say happened to the tree that did not produce good fruit? [3:9] John said that it was chopped down and thrown into the fire.
- 12. What did John tell the crowd they must do to show that they had truly repented? [3:11] John said that they must share what they had with those in need.
- 13. What did John tell the tax collectors they must do to show that they had truly repented? [3:13] John said that they must not collect more money than they were supposed to collect.
- 14. What did John tell the soldiers they must do to show that they had truly repented? [3:14]

 John said that they must not take money from anyone by force, must not accuse anyone falsely, and should be content with their wages.
- 15. Why did the people wonder if John might be the Christ? [3:15]

 They wondered if John might be the Christ because they were eagerly expecting the Christ to come. Perhaps they wondered if John was the Christ because John's preaching was different from the preaching they normally heard.
- 16. John baptized people with water. What would the person who was coming baptize people with? [3:16] John said someone was coming who would baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire.
- 17. What do you think John meant when he said that the one who will come will gather the wheat and put it in the storehouse and will burn up the chaff with fire that can never be put out? [3:17]

 Perhaps he meant that the one who will come will judge people and punish those who are wicked and protect those who obey God.
- 18. What was John announcing to the people? [3:18]

 John was announcing the good news to the people.
- 19. Why did John rebuke Herod? [3:19]
 John rebuked Herod because Herod had married his own brother's wife and had done many other evil things.
- 20. What additional evil thing did Herod do? [3:20] Herod put John into prison.

4:1-13

Background: Luke 3:21-22 tells about when Jesus was baptized. The Holy Spirit came down on him, and a voice from heaven told Jesus, "You are my beloved Son. I am pleased with you."

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

Jesus went into the wilderness, and the devil tempted him there for forty days. [4:1-2]
Jesus told the devil that it is written that man does not live on bread alone. [4:4]
Jesus said it was written, "You will worship the Lord your God, and you will serve only him." [4:8]
Jesus said it was said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." [4:12]
The devil went away until another time. [4:13]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

- Who led Jesus into the wilderness? [4:1]
 The Holy Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness.
- 2. How long did the devil tempt Jesus in the wilderness? [4:2] The devil tempted Jesus in the wilderness for 40 days.
- 3. What did the devil challenge Jesus to do if Jesus was the Son of God?? [4:3] The devil told Jesus to command a stone to turn into bread.
- 4. What did Jesus say was written? [4:4]

Man shall not live on bread alone.

- Where do you think it was written that people do not live on bread alone? [4:4]It was written in the holy scriptures that the people already had. We call those scriptures the Old Testament.
- 6. What did the devil show Jesus from a high place? [4:5]

 The devil showed Jesus all of the kingdoms of the world.
- 7. What did the devil say he would give to Jesus? [4:6]

 He said he would give Jesus all the authority and glory of kingdoms of the world.
- 8. What did the devil want Jesus to do? [4:7]

 The devil wanted Jesus to bow down and worship him.
- 9. What did Jesus say was written? [4:8]

 You must worship the Lord your God, and you must serve only him.

Luke 4:1-13 continued

- 10. What do you think Jesus meant when he quoted that scripture? [4:8]

 Jesus meant that he would not bow down and worship the devil. He would obey what was written in the scripture.
- 11. What did the devil challenge Jesus to do if Jesus was the Son of God? [4:9]

 He challenged Jesus to throw himself down from the highest point of the temple.
- 12. Why do you think the devil spoke about what was written? [4:10-11]

 He probably wanted to convince Jesus that God would protect him if he threw himself down from that high place.
- 13. What was Jesus' response to the devil? [4:12]

 Jesus told him that it is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."
- 14. How do you think Jesus knew that it was said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test"? [4:12] He knew because it was written in the scripture.
- 15. What did the devil do after Jesus refused to jump from the temple? [4:13] The devil left Jesus until another time.

6:27-49

Background: Jesus went from place-to-place teaching and healing people. Some people followed him and became his disciples. Jesus chose twelve of his disciples to be his apostles. Jesus and his apostles came to a level place near a mountain, and a great crowd of disciples and other people came to hear his teaching and to be healed.

Part 1

Jesus told the people to love their enemies. [6:27-36]
Jesus told the people not to judge others. [6:37-42]
Jesus told them that trees were recognized by their fruit, and that people's words came from their heart. [6:43-45]
Jesus compared people who obeyed his word to wise builders who built on a good foundation. [6:46-49]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

- 1. How did Jesus say his disciples were to treat their enemies and those who hate them? [6:27] They were to love their enemies and do good to those who hate them.
- 2. How was a disciple to respond to someone who cursed him? [6:28] The disciple was to bless anyone who cursed him.

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- What was a disciple to do if someone hit him on his cheek? [6:29]
 The disciple was to let that person also hit his other cheek too.
- 4. What was a disciple to do if someone took away something that belonged to the disciple? [6:30] The disciple was to not ask the person to give it back.
- 5. How were Jesus' disciples to treat people? [6:31]

 They were to treat people the same way they wanted people to treat them.
- They were to treat people the same way they wanted people to treat them
- 6. What do you think Jesus meant in 6:32-34? Disciples would not be rewarded for loving only people who loved them, for doing good only to people who did good to them, and for lending only to people they think would pay them back. Even sinners did all those things.
- 7. What is the Most High's attitude toward unthankful and evil people? [6:35-36] The Most High is kind and merciful toward them.
- 8. Who do you think Jesus was referring to when he said, "the Most High"? [6:35-36] Jesus was referring to God the Father.
- 9. What were Jesus commands in 6:37?

 Do not judge. Do not condemn. Instead, forgive people.

Luke 6:27-49 continued

10. What do you think Jesus meant when he said that the amount given would be pressed down, shaken together and spilling over? [6:38]

It would be a lot.

- 11. What do you think Jesus meant when he said, "With the measure you use, it will be measured back to you"? [6:38]

 He meant that people would be given to in the same way that they gave to others. If they gave generously, they would be generously given to. If they were stingy, they would receive little.
- 12. Why can't a blind person lead a blind person? [6:39]

If he did, they would both fall into a pit.

13. What can a disciple hope for? [6:40]

He can hope to be like his teacher.

14. What did Jesus call the kind of person who had a log in his own eye and offered to take a piece of straw out of someone else's eye? [6:42]

Jesus called that kind of person a hypocrite.

- 15. What was a disciple to do before trying to take a piece of straw out of someone else's eye? [6:42] He was to first remove the log from his own eye.
- 16. What do you think Jesus was talking about when he spoke about taking pieces of straw out of people's eyes? [6:41-42]

Perhaps Jesus was talking about seeing people's faults and trying to make them change.

17. What did Jesus say about good trees and bad trees? [6:43]

Good trees did not produce rotten fruit, and rotten trees did not produce good fruit.

18. How did people recognize a tree? [6:44]

They recognized a tree by the kind of fruit it produced.

19. How did a good man produce what was good? [6:45]

He produced it from the good treasure in his heart.

20. How do you think a person's behavior was like a tree's fruit? [6:43-45]

Just as a tree's fruit showed the quality of the tree, a person's behavior showed what was in his heart.

21. What did Jesus rebuke people for? [6:46]

He rebuked them for calling him "Lord, Lord" and not obeying what he said.

- 22. Who was like a man who dug down deep and built the foundation of a house on solid rock? [6:47-48] Whoever heard Jesus' words and obeyed them was like a man who dug down deep and built the foundation on solid rock.
- 23. Who was like a man who built a house on top of the ground without a foundation? [6:49] Whoever heard Jesus' words and did not obey them was like a man who built a house without a foundation.

Luke 6:27-49 continued

24. What happened to the house that was built on top of the ground without a foundation? [6:49] When a torrent of water flowed against the house, the house collapsed and was ruined.

25. What do you think Jesus meant when he said that a person who obeyed his words was like a person who built a good foundation for his house? [6:47-49]

Perhaps Jesus meant that when troubles came, the person who obeyed Jesus' words would not be ruined. Or perhaps he meant that the person's faith in God would remain strong.

10:21-22

Background: Jesus sent his disciples to the towns to heal people and to teach them about the kingdom of God. When they had done this, they returned to Jesus, saying, "Lord, even the demons submitted in your name." Jesus taught them to rejoice that their names are written in heaven.

Part 1

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Jesus praised his Father for hiding things from the wise but revealing them to little children. [10:21]
The Father had entrusted those things to Jesus. [10:22]
No one knew who the Son was except the Father, and no one knew who the Father was except the Son and those to
whom the Son revealed him. [10:22]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

- In whom did Jesus rejoice? [10:21]
 He rejoiced in the Holy Spirit.
- 2. What did Jesus call his Father? [10:21]

 He called his Father "Lord of heaven and earth."
- 3. Who do you think is the Lord of heaven and earth? [10:21] God the Father.
- 4. Who knows who the Son is? [10:22]

 Only the Father knows who the Son is.
- Who knows who the Father is? [10:22]
 Only the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him know who the Father is.
- 6. Who was Jesus talking about when he spoke about "the Son"? [10:22] He was talking about himself.

10:25-37

Background: In this passage Jesus told a parable. One of the men was a Jewish priest, and one was a Levite. The Levites were not as important as the priests, but they also worked in the temple. Another man in the parable was a Samaritan, a man from Samaria. The Jews and the Samaritans hated each other because they had different religious beliefs.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

Jesus said that to inherit eternal life, one must love God and love his neighbor. [10:25-27]
An expert in the law asked Jesus who was his neighbor. [10:29]
Jesus told a parable about a Samaritan man who helped an injured man when other Jews did not. [10:29-35]
After telling the parable, Jesus told the expert in the law to show mercy like the Samaritan in the parable. [10:37]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

- 1. Why did the expert in the law ask Jesus how to inherit eternal life? [10:25] He was trying to test Jesus.
- 2. How do you think this question was testing Jesus? [10:25]

Maybe the expert in the law wanted to see what Jesus knew, or maybe he hoped Jesus would say something contrary to scripture so he could accuse him of blasphemy.

3. How did Jesus respond to the expert? [10:26]

He asked the expert what the law said to do.

4. How did the expert answer Jesus? [10:27]

He said that the law said to love God with all your heart and to love your neighbor as yourself.

5. What did Jesus say about this answer? [10:28]

He told the expert that he had answered well and that he should do that and he would live.

6. Why did the expert ask Jesus who his neighbor was? [10:29]

He wanted to justify himself, that is, he wanted to show that he was a righteous person.

- How do you think asking the question would enable the expert to justify himself? [10:29]
 - Perhaps the expert wanted Jesus to say that only some people were his neighbor and he did not have to love the others.
- 8. In Jesus' parable, what did the Jewish priest and the Levite do when they saw the man who was almost dead on the road? [10:31-32]

They passed by on the other side of the road.

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- 9. What did the Samaritan do when he saw the man? [10:34]

 He bound up his wounds, put him on his animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.
- 10. After telling the parable, what did Jesus tell the expert in the law to go and do? [10:37] Jesus told him to show mercy as the Samaritan in the parable did.
- 11. What do you think was surprising in Jesus' parable? [10:25-37]

 The religious leaders did not do the right thing, but the Samaritan did.
- 12. From this passage, who do you think they were to love? [10:25-37] They were to love their fellow human beings, even their enemies.

11:29-36

Background: After Jesus made a demon leave a man, some people said that Jesus did that by the power of the ruler of demons. Then other people tested Jesus and demanded that he give them a sign that would prove that he was really from God.

When Jesus replied in 11:29-32, he spoke about Jonah and the Queen of the South. Long ago God had sent the Jewish prophet Jonah to warn the people of Nineveh that God would punish them for their sins. Also long ago, when Solomon was king of Israel, the queen of another country traveled a great distance to listen to Solomon.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

Jesus said there would be no sign except the sign of Jonah. [11:29]
Jesus said the Queen of the South and the men of Nineveh would condemn this generation. [11:30-32]
Jesus warned the crowd to be careful that what they take in was light, not darkness. [11:34-35]
Jesus said that a person who was full of light would be bright as when a light shone on them. [11:36]

Part 2

Answer the following questions

- 1. Why did Jesus say that the generation of people he was talking to was evil? [11:29] He said they were evil because they continued to seek a sign from Jesus.
- 2. What was the only sign that would be given to that generation? [11:29] Only the sign of Jonah would be given.
- 3. Who do you think Jesus was talking about when he said that the Son of Man would be a sign to that generation? [11:30]

Jesus was talking about himself.

- 4. What will the Queen of the South do? [11:31]
 - She will rise up and condemn that generation.
- 5. Why will men of Nineveh condemn that generation on the day of judgment? [11:32]

The men of Nineveh repented when Jonah preached to them, but the people of Jesus' generation would not repent even though someone greater had come to them.

- 6. Who do you think Jesus was talking about when he said that someone greater than Solomon and Jonah was there? [11:31-32]
 - Jesus was talking about himself. He was greater than Solomon and Jonah.
- 7. What do you think the Queen of the South and the people of Nineveh would condemn that generation for doing? They would probably condemn them for not believing what Jesus was teaching them. [11:32]

Luke 11:29-36 continued

8. Why did people put a lamp on a lampstand? [11:33]

They put it on a lampstand so that people who came into the building could see the light.

9. What did Jesus say about the eye? [11:34]

It was the lamp of the body.

10. When a person's eye was good, what was true about his whole body? [11:34] His whole body was full of light.

11. What did Jesus warn the crowd about? [11:35]

Jesus warned the crowd to watch out that the light in them was not darkness.

12. What do you think Jesus meant when he spoke about the eye being the lamp of the body and when he warned them to make sure that the light in them was not darkness? [11:35]

Perhaps he was speaking about listening to the truth and believing it. Jesus was speaking the truth, and he was warning the people that if they did not believe what he was teaching them, then they would believe things that were false.

13. What did Jesus say about a person whose whole body was full of light? [11:36]

That person's whole body would be bright like when a lamp shone on it.

14. What do you think Jesus meant when he said that if the whole body was full of light, then it would be like when a lamp shone its brightness on the person? [11:36]

Perhaps Jesus meant that the person's whole life will be affected by the truth.

12:13-21

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses

A man wanted his brother to divide the inheritance with him, and he asked Jesus to tell his brother to do that.
Jesus warned the crowd to stay away from greedy desires.
Jesus told a parable about a man who was greedy.

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What do you think Jesus meant when he asked who had appointed him to be judge or mediator over the man and his brother? [12:14]

Perhaps Jesus meant that he had not come to settle people's disagreements with one another. He had come for something more important than that.

2. What warning did Jesus give? [12:15]

Jesus warned the people to be on their guard against all greedy desires.

3. What do you think Jesus meant when he said that a person's life did not consist of the abundance of possessions? [12:15]

He may have meant that life is more than having a lot of possessions.

4. Why did the rich man say that he had no place to store his crops? [12:17-18]

The barns he already had were not big enough for all his crops.

In Jesus' parable, what was the rich man going to do because his fields yielded so much? [12:18]
 He was going to pull down his barns and build bigger ones, then store his grain and other things in the bigger barns.

6. Then what did the rich man plan to do? [12:19]

He planned to rest easy, eat, drink, and be merry.

7. What did God say to the rich man? [12:20]

He said, "Foolish man, tonight your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?"

- 8. What do you think "your soul is required of you" meant? [12:20] It meant "you will die."
- 9. What did Jesus say about a person who stored up treasure for himself and was not rich toward God? [12:21] Such a person was like the man in the parable.

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10. What do you think it means to be rich toward God? [12:21]

It probably means to love God and to use one's possessions to do good to others. Perhaps it means to have a lot of the eternal things that God wants us to have, such as faith, good works, love for others, and the desire to glorify God.

13:22-30

Part 1

Someone asked Jesus if only a few people would be saved. [13:23]
Jesus told the people to struggle to enter through the narrow door. [13:24]
Jesus said that Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, the prophets, and people from the east, west, north, and south would be seated at a table in the kingdom of God. [13:29]
Jesus said that those who were least important would be first, and those who were most important would be last [13:30]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

- When asked if many would be saved, what did Jesus answer? [13:24]
 He said that many would struggle to enter through the narrow door, because many people will try to enter and will not be able to enter.
- 2. What will the owner of the house say to those who came after the door was locked? [13:25] The owner will say "I do not know you or where you are from."
- What reasons will people give that the owner should know them? [13:26]
 They will say that they ate and drank in front of him and that he taught in their streets.
- 4. Who do you think the owner of the house was? [13:25-26]
 Perhaps Jesus was saying he was the owner. Or, perhaps Jesus was saying God the Father was the owner.
- 5. What will the owner call those people who did not get inside? [13:27] He will call them "workers of unrighteousness."
- 6. What will the people do who were thrown outside and were not able to enter God's kingdom? [13:28] They would cry and grind their teeth.
- 7. Why do you think they would grind their teeth? [13:28]

 Perhaps because they would be afraid and anxious about what would happen to them. Perhaps because they would be very angry with the owner for not letting them in.
- 8. Who will sit at the dinner table in the kingdom of God? [13:28-29]

 Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, the prophets, and many from the east, west, north, and south.

Luke 13:22-30 continued

9. What did Jesus say about the first and the last in God's kingdom? [13:30]

Those who were last would be first, and those who were first would be last. This means those who are unimportant now will be very important then, and those who are very important now will be unimportant then.

15:11-32

Background: When tax collectors and other sinners went to listen to Jesus, some of the religious leaders criticized Jesus for welcoming those sinners. Then Jesus told two parables about people who had lost something valuable and then were full of joy when they found it. He ended each of those parables saying that there was even more joy in heaven when a sinner repented.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

Jesus told a parable about a man who had two sons. [15:11]
The younger son asked for his inheritance and wasted all of it. [15:12-13]
When the younger son returned home, the father welcomed him and prepared a feast. [15:20-23]
The older son was angry and would not go to the feast. [15:28]
The father told the older son his brother was lost, but now is found. [15:32]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

- 1. In Jesus' parable, what did the younger son ask his father to do? [15:12] He asked his father to give him his inheritance.
- How do you think the father felt when his son asked him for that?
 He was probably very sad. He may have felt angry because the son was so disrespectful.
- What did the younger son do with his inheritance? [15:13]
 He went to a country far away and wasted all the money with wild living.
- 4. What happened in that country? [15:14]

 There was a severe famine throughout that country.
- 5. After his money was gone, what did the younger son do in order to live? [15:15] He hired himself out to feed another man's pigs.
- Why did the son want to eat what the pigs ate? [15:16]He was very hungry, and no one gave him anything to eat.
- 7. How was the son's life different from the lives of his father's servants? [15:17] His father's servants had plenty to eat, but he was dying of hunger.
- 8. When he began to think clearly, what did the younger son decide to do? [15:18-19]

 He decided to go and confess his sin to his father and ask to be hired as one of his servants.
- 9. What did the father do when he saw the younger son coming back home? [15:20] He ran toward his son and hugged and kissed him.

Luke 15:11-32 continued

- 10. What do you think the son meant when he said, "I have sinned against heaven and you"? [15:21] He meant that he had sinned against God and against his father.
- 11. What did the father tell his servants to do? [15:22]

 He told them to put the best robe on his son, to put a ring on his hand, and to put sandals on his feet.
- 12. What did the father tell the servants to do with the fattened calf? [15:23] He told them to bring and kill it.
- 13. What reason did the father give for feasting and celebrating? [15:24]

 His son was dead, and now he was alive. He was lost, and now he was found.
- 14. Where was the older son at this time, and what do you think he was doing? [15:25] He was out in the field, and he was probably working.
- 15. What did the older son do when he heard the music and dancing? [15:26-27] He asked one of the servants what was happening.
- 16. What reason did the servant give for the father killing the fattened calf? [15:27] The father had his son back safely.
- 17. What was the older son's reaction when he was told about the feast for the younger son? [15:28] He was angry and would not go to the feast.
- 18. How did the father respond when his older son refused to go inside? [15:28] The father came out and pleaded with the older son.
- 19. What was the older son's complaint to his father? [15:29]

The older son complained that he had worked like a slave for his father and always did what his father commanded, but his father had never given him a goat to have a feast with his friends.

- 20. Why did the older son think that the father should not have killed the fattened calf for the younger son? [15:30] He thought this because the younger son had used up his father's money by going to prostitutes.
- 21. What was the father's response to the older son? [15:31]

 He said, "Child, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours."
- 22. What do you think the father meant when he said that the other son was dead and was now alive, and that he was lost and had now been found. [15:32]

He probably meant that when his younger son was away and he had no way to be with him, it felt like his son was dead or lost. But now his son was with him.

23. What do you think Jesus was teaching about God when he told this parable?

Jesus was teaching that God is very happy when a sinner repents of his sins and turns to God.

16:19-31

Background: In this section Jesus told a parable. One of the characters in the parable was Abraham. Abraham was an ancestor of the people of Israel. In the parable, Abraham mentioned Moses and the prophets. Moses and the prophets wrote many of the books of the Old Testament.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

There was a poor man named Lazarus and a rich man. [16:19-20]
The rich man died and was tormented in Hades, and Lazarus died and was carried by angels to Abraham's side
[16:22-23]
The rich man begged Abraham to send Lazarus to help him, but Abraham said he could not. [16:25-26]
The rich man begged Abraham to send Lazarus to warn his brothers. [16:27]
Abraham said that the brothers would not be persuaded even if someone rose from the dead. [16:31]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

- How did Jesus describe the rich man in his story? [16:19]
 The rich man was well dressed and lived in luxury every day.
- 2. How did Jesus describe the man he called Lazarus? [16:20] Lazarus was a beggar, and he was covered with sores.
- What clue did Jesus give about Lazarus's strength? [16:20]
 People laid him at the rich man's gate. This shows that Lazarus could not walk far.
- 4. What did Lazarus wish he could do, and what did that tell us about the rich man? [16:21]

 Lazarus wished he could eat the scraps of food that fell from the rich man's table. This indicated that the rich man was not helping Lazarus.
- 5. In Jesus' story, what happened to Lazarus when he died? [16:22] Lazarus was carried by angels to Abraham's side.
- 6. What happened to the rich man when he died? [16:23] He went to Hades, and he was in torment.
- 7. What was the first request that the rich man made to Abraham? [16:24]

 He asked to have Lazarus bring him a little water because he was in anguish in the flame.
- 8. What did Abraham say about how the rich man's situation and Lazarus's situation had changed? [16:25]

 When they were alive, the rich man received good things and Lazarus received bad things, but now the rich man was in agony and Lazarus was comforted.

Luke 16:19-31 continued

9. Why could Abraham not send Lazarus to help the rich man? [16:26]

He could not send Lazarus to the rich man because there was a great chasm between them that no one could cross.

10. What was the second request that the rich man made to Abraham? [16:27-28]

He asked Abraham to send Lazarus to warn his brothers so they would not come to this place of torment.

11. What do you think Abraham meant when he said that the rich man's brothers should listen to Moses and the prophets? [16:29]

He meant that the rich man's brothers should read or listen to what Moses and the prophets wrote in the scriptures.

12. What did the rich man think needed to happen in order for his brothers to repent? [16:30]

He thought that they would repent if someone who had died would go and talk to them.

13. Abraham said that if they would not listen to Moses and the prophets, what else would not persuade them? [16:31] They would not be persuaded even if someone rose from the dead.

17:11-19

Background: Leprosy was a terrible skin disease. People who had leprosy had to stay far away from other people so that others would not also get the disease.

Part 1

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Ten men who had leprosy called out to Jesus and asked him to have mercy on them. [17:12-13]
Jesus told them to go and show themselves to the priests, and as they went, they were healed. [17:14]
One man came back to Jesus, glorifying God and thanking Jesus. [17:15-16]
That man was a Samaritan. [17:16]
Jesus told the man, "Go, your faith has made you whole" [17:19]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

- 1. What happened as Jesus was entering a village? [17:12] Ten men who had leprosy met him.
- 2. Where do you think the men were? [17:12]

They stood far away from Jesus. They were probably outside of the village.

3. What did the ten men who had leprosy call Jesus? [17:13]

They called him "Jesus, Master."

- 4. Why do you think the men asked Jesus to have mercy on them? [17:13]
 - They wanted Jesus to heal them. They had probably heard that Jesus was a healer.
- What did Jesus tell them? [17:14]

He told them to go and show themselves to the priests.

6. What happened to the men as they went? [17:14]

They were cleansed which meant they were healed.

7. What did one of the men do? [17:15]

He went back to Jesus and glorified God with a loud voice.

8. What did that man do when he returned to Jesus? [17:16]

He bowed down with his face to the ground and thanked Jesus.

9. Why do you think Jesus asked where the other nine were? [17:17-18]

He was pointing out that they did not give glory to God. Only the man who came back gave glory to God.

Luke 17:11-19 continued

- 10. Why do you think Luke mentioned that the man was a Samaritan, and Jesus called the man a foreigner. [17:16, 18] Luke and Jesus were showing that it was not a Jew who praised God and thanked Jesus. The people listening to Jesus would have been surprised by this.
- 11. What did Jesus say had healed the man? [17:19]

 The man's faith had healed him.
- 12. Why do you think Jesus said that the man's faith had healed him? [17:19]

 When the man gave glory to God after he was healed, that showed the man had trusted God before he was healed.

18:9-14

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verse
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Jesus told a parable to people who believed that they were better than others. [18:9]
In Jesus' story, a Pharisee was very proud and boasted to God about himself. [18:11]
A tax collector begged God for mercy because he was a sinner. [18:13]
Jesus said that the tax collector, not the Pharisee, was justified. [18:14]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

- 1. Who did Jesus tell this parable to? [18:9]

 He told it to some people who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and who despised other people.
- 2. In Jesus' story, who were the two men who went up into the temple to pray? [18:10] A Pharisee and a tax collector went up into the temple to pray.
- 3. What was the Pharisee's attitude about his own righteousness and about other people? [18:11] He thought he was more righteous than other people.
- 4. What did the tax collector pray? [18:13]

 He prayed, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner."
- 5. How did the tax collector show that he was ashamed of his sin? [8:13]

 He stood at a distance, beat his breast, and would not look up toward heaven.
- 6. Which man went back to his house justified before God? [18:14] The tax collector was justified before God.
- How did Jesus end this parable? [18:14]
 Jesus said, "everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but everyone who humbles himself will be exalted."

19:28-48

Part 1

Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a colt that had never been ridden. [19:28-36]
The people were joyful, and they praised Jesus as he rode into town, but some religious leaders wanted them to stop [19:37-40]
Jesus cried because the city of Jerusalem would be destroyed because of the people's unbelief. [19:41-44]
Jesus went to the temple and made the people who were selling things there leave. [19:45-46]
The religious leaders wanted to kill Jesus, but they couldn't because of the people. [19:47-48]

Part 2

Answer the following question.

- Where was Jesus going? [19:28]
 Jesus was going to Jerusalem
- What did Jesus tell two of his disciples to bring him? [19:30]A colt that had never been ridden.
- 3. If anyone were to ask them why they were untying the colt, what did Jesus want them to say? [19:31] He wanted them to say that the Lord needed it.
- 4. Who asked why they were untying the colt? [19:33]

The colt's owners asked.

5. What did the disciples do with the colt? [19:35]

They brought it to Jesus, put their cloaks on it, and set Jesus on it.

- 6. Why do you think people spread their cloaks out on the road? [19:36]
 - It was a way to honor Jesus. This was how people would honor a king when he rode into the city.
- 7. What did the crowd of disciples praise God for? [19:37]

They praised him for the mighty works they had seen.

8. What mighty works do you think they had seen? [19:37]

They had seen the miracles Jesus had done.

- 9. What did the crowd cry out as Jesus descended the Mount of Olives? [19:38]
 - They said, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"
- 10. Why did the people say, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord"? [19:38]

They said it because Jesus was that king.

Luke 19:28-48 continued

11. What did some of the Pharisees want Jesus to do? [19:39]

They wanted him to rebuke his disciples.

12. What did Jesus say would happen if the people were silent? [19:40]

He said that the stones would cry out.

13. What do you think Jesus meant when he said that? [19:40]

He probably meant that it was right for the people to be so joyful, to praise God, and to proclaim that Jesus was the king. It was so important that it had to be done.

14. What did Jesus do as he drew near to the city? [19:41-42]

Jesus wept because he knew what was going to happen.

15. What did Jesus wish the people of Jerusalem had known? [19:42]

He wished that they had known what would bring them peace?

16. What was the problem? [19:42]

The things that would bring the people peace were hidden from their eyes. They did not know what would bring them peace.

17. What would Jerusalem's enemies do to them? [19:43]

They would build a barricade around Jerusalem, surround them from every side, and close in on them.

18. What problem do you think this would cause for the people of Jerusalem? [19:43]

The people of Jerusalem would not be able to get away from the city and run away from their enemies.

19. What did Jesus say the enemies would do to the people and the city? [19:44]

They would kill them and their children. They would not leave one stone on top of another stone. This means that they would completely break down the walls in the city.

20. Why would all these things happen to the people of Jerusalem? [19:44]

These things would happen because they did not recognize the time of their visitation, that is, the time when God came to them.

23:26-47

Background: The religious leaders took Jesus to the governor of Judea and accused Jesus of saying that he was a king. They demanded that Jesus be crucified, and the governor handed Jesus over to the soldiers to crucify him.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

They led Jesus away and made another man carry Jesus' cross. [23:26]
A crowd followed Jesus, and Jesus spoke to those who were mourning. [23:27-31]
The soldiers crucified Jesus and two criminals. [23:32-33]
People mocked Jesus. [23:35-39]
One of the criminals spoke to Jesus, and Jesus answered him. [23:42-43]
Strange things happened and Jesus died. [23:44-46]
The centurion realized that Jesus was a righteous man. [23:47]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

- 1. What did the soldiers make a man do? [23:26]
 - They made him carry Jesus' cross and follow him.
- 2. Who else followed Jesus? [23:27]

A great crowd of the people and some women who were mourning and grieving for Jesus followed him.

- 3. Who did Jesus say the women of Jerusalem should weep for instead of him? [23:28]
 - They should weep for themselves and their children.
- 4. What did Jesus say that people would say about women who did not have children and women who did not nurse babies? [23:29]

People would say that those women were blessed.

- 5. What did Jesus say people would tell the mountains to do? [23:30]
 - People would tell the mountains to fall on them and cover them.
- 6. What do you think Jesus was referring to when he said "they do these things" in 23:31?

Perhaps he was referring to them crucifying him even though he was innocent. Or perhaps he was referring to the wickedness and cruelty of people in general.

7. Why do you think people would say that barren women were blessed and why would they say to the mountains "Fall on us"?

They would say these things because such terrible things would happen that they would not want to see their children suffer, and they themselves would want to die.

Luke 23:26-47 continued

8. Who was led away with Jesus to be put to death? [23:32] Two criminals were led away with Jesus.

- 9. What did the soldiers do at the place called "The Skull"? [23:33] They crucified Jesus and the two criminals.
- 10. What did Jesus pray for those who were crucifying him? [23:34]
 He prayed, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."
- 11. What did the rulers there challenge Jesus to do? [23:35]

 They challenged him to save himself if he really was the Christ of God, the chosen one.
- 12. What did the soldiers say when they offered him vinegar? [23:36-37] They told Jesus to save himself if he was the king of the Jews.
- 13. What was written on a sign over Jesus? [23:38] It said, "This is the King of the Jews."
- 14. What did one of the criminals tell Jesus to do? [23:39]

 He told Jesus to save himself and the two criminals.
- 15. What do you think that criminal believed about Jesus being the Christ? [23:39] He did not believe that Jesus was the Christ. He was just insulting Jesus.
- 16. What did the other criminal ask the first criminal? [23:40] He asked him, "Do you not fear God?"
- 17. Why did the second criminal say that he and the first criminal were there justly? [23:41] He said this because they were receiving what they deserved.
- 18. What did the second criminal say about Jesus? [23:41] He said that Jesus had done nothing wrong.
- 19. What did the second criminal say to Jesus? [23:42] He said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."
- 20. What promise did Jesus make to the second criminal? [23:43] He said, "Today you will be with me in paradise."
- 21. What miraculous events happened that day? [23:44-45]

 Darkness came over the land and the curtain of the temple was split down the middle.
- 22. What time of day did these things happen? [23:44-45]

 From around the sixth hour to the ninth hour. That meant from around noon time until 3 in the afternoon.
- 23. What did Jesus cry out just before he died? [23:46]

 Jesus cried out, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!"

Luke 23:26-47 continued

24. What did the centurion say about Jesus? [23:47] He said, "Surely this was a righteous man."

24:36-53

Background: Jesus died on the day before the Sabbath. On the day after the Sabbath, God raised him to life. That day, two of Jesus' disciples were walking along a road, and Jesus approached them and walked with them. Jesus taught them, and when they sat down to eat, Jesus served them some bread. Then they realized who Jesus was, and he suddenly vanished. The two men went back to Jerusalem, found the eleven disciples, and told them what had happened.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

Jesus appeared to the disciples and showed them proof that it was really him. [24:38-42]
Jesus opened the minds of the disciples so that they could understand the scriptures. [24:45]
Jesus told the disciples that he was sending them what the Father had promised. [24:49]
Jesus was carried up into heaven. [24:51]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

- 1. What did Jesus say first when he appeared to the disciples in Jerusalem? [24:36] He said, "Peace be to you."
- 2. Why were the disciples terrified? [24:37]

They were afraid because they thought they were seeing a spirit.

3. How did Jesus prove that he was not just a spirit? [24:39-40]

He invited the disciples to touch him, and he showed them his hands and feet.

4. How is Jesus different from a spirit? [24:39]

Jesus has flesh and bones.

5. How did the disciples respond to Jesus? [24:41]

They still could not believe it because they were so happy and amazed.

6. What did Jesus ask the disciples? [24:41]

He asked if they had anything to eat.

7. What did they give him? [24:42]

They gave him a piece of broiled fish.

8. Why do you think Jesus asked them for something to eat? [24:41-43]

He wanted to eat something in order to show them that he really was raised from the dead and he was not just a spirit.

Luke 24:36-53 continued

9. What did Jesus say he had told his disciples when he was with them before? [24:44]

He had told them that everything that was written about him in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms must be fulfilled.

10. How were the disciples then able to understand the scriptures? [24:45]

Jesus opened their minds so that they might understand. This meant that he enabled them to understand the scriptures.

11. What did Jesus say was written in the scriptures? [24:46]

The scriptures said the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead on the third day.

12. What did Jesus say should be preached in his name to all the nations? [24:47]

Repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached to all the nations.

13. What do you think were the things that the disciples were witnesses of? [24:48]

They were witnesses of Jesus' life, his teaching, his death, his resurrection, and the fact that he fulfilled the scripture.

14. For what did Jesus tell the disciples to wait in the city? [24:49]

He told them to wait until they are clothed with power from on high.

15. What happened to Jesus as he blessed the disciples near Bethany? [24:50-51]

He was carried up into heaven. This means that he went up to heaven.

16. How did his disciples respond? [24:52]

They worshiped Jesus.

17. Where did the disciples then spend their time, and what did they do? [24:53]

They were continually in the temple, blessing God.