

“VOICE OF PAUL-x-LUKE” SERIES

This series shows how the writings of the apostle Paul and his traveling-&-writing assistant Luke, all tie in together to construct “the basic frame of the entire New Testament” from 16 of its books. Under Paul’s unique influence, all these writings emphasize *God forging His People into a new kind of Followership whose “growth policy” involves embodying every kind of people & heritage.* It is within the framework of this people-building endeavor that (1) the Forgiving-&-Restoring Power of Jesus especially gets to be displayed, and where (2) its best participants are those whose lives have God’s Presence “pouring forth” within them.

study #6: The Time of “Christ-Visitation” Comes to Jerusalem

— covering **Luke 19:28 – 22:38** —

ACTION #1. Read **Luke 19:11 & 41-44** and then discuss these deep-thinking questions:

- what all is happening here & what is the difference between what Jesus & his disciples are anticipating?
- In **v.42** Jesus wished the people knew “**THE THINGS WHICH MAKE FOR PEACE**”. ^(a)What do you think that even means, ^(b)What is the result of them not-knowing it, and ^(c)What would be different if they *did* know it?
- in **v.44** Jesus used yet another strange term, “**THE TIME OF YOUR VISITATION**”. What could he have meant by that... what was that generation about to miss and why exactly were they going to miss it?

ACTION #2. Luke records how Jesus’ final week in Jerusalem was FILLED with people totally missing the moment’s importance; in contrast, though, read these accounts—**Luke 19:29-35, 22:7-13, 21:1-4**—then discuss:

- re-describe in your own words what happened in these short accounts
- describe what you think the colt owner, poor widow, and house owner are all *like* and *have in common*

ACTION #3. Read **Luke 20:9-20** and then discuss:

- re-tell Jesus’ parable and describe the religious leaders’ response in your own words
- why do you think the parable *hardened* the religious leaders instead of *caused them to learn* from it?
- In **verses 17-18**, what all did Jesus mean by “the stone”?

ACTION #4. Read **Luke 22:19-23** and also **verses 31-34** and then *describe, exactly, the ¹Awareness & ²Readiness & ³Purposefulness of Jesus compared to that of his disciples.*

ACTION #5. Each person share briefly one final summary, personal take-away, “ah-ha!” insight, or new question or curiosity from today’s study.

EXTRA... FOR THOSE MOTIVATED, DEVOTED, & WITH SOME SELF-COMMAND:

GOLD CHALLENGE ...read ahead (& maybe journal about) for next study: **Luke 22:39—24:53**

PENGUIN CHALLENGE ... (=daily reading + cover full NT+Psalms during series): read **GC** plus **Matthew 8-13**