

“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 #7: The Christ Gets “The God-Accomplishment” Done

— covering **Luke 22:39 – 24:53** —

ACTION #1. After his final supper with the disciples, Jesus then proceeded into the Garden of Gethsemane to prepare for the start of everyone either abandoning, betraying, or persecuting him. After reading **Luke 22:39-48**, *identify each of the “characters” mentioned in the passage and what their primary motivation was at the time.*

ACTION #2. From the very beginning of **Luke**, people had been fascinated and curious about whether or not Jesus was “The Christ”, and what it even *meant* to be “The Christ.” After reading **Luke 23:13-25** as a group, *identify each of the “characters” mentioned in the passage and what was their primary motivation at the time.*

ACTION #3. Read **Luke 23:33-43** and then as a group describe all the different perceptions of “what the Christ is like” in the minds of each of the various characters in this passage.

ACTION #4. Luke writes how the women followers of Jesus went to his burial site and ran into angels saying, “Why do you seek the Living One among the dead?” Read this additional account in **Luke 24:13-32** & discuss:

- re-describe the story in this passage in your own words
- what *exactly* was Jesus getting these 2 travelers to finally begin to understand?
- how would you describe the “fuller realization” that started dawning on Jesus’ disciples about *what The Christ had first come to do...* also, what do you think they *now* expected The Christ to do *next*?

ACTION #5. Read **Luke 24:44-49** and then discuss as a group:

- look closely & precisely identify a possible sequence-of-events Jesus is describing is supposed to happen
- the “tone” at the end of this book makes it seem like The Christ’s plans are just about to get going... what exactly are the disciples going to need to do to be on the same page as Jesus moving forward?

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

GOLD CHALLENGE ...read ahead (& maybe journal about) for next study: **Acts 1:1-8**

PENGUIN CHALLENGE ... (=daily reading + cover full NT+Psalms during series): read **GC** plus **Matthew 14-20**