

Luke 18:1-20:47**Thursday, April 15 – Luke 17:11-37**

1. The lepers took Jesus at his word and walked away, trusting that Jesus would heal them. That had faith in him. Some historian has figured out that in the Germany of Martin Luther's day six out of ten children died in infancy and that the average life expectancy was about 40 years. Not long before Luther was born, the Black Death wiped out one-third of Europe's population. In 1515, a law was passed that stipulated German farmers couldn't be forced to work anymore than 15 hours a day. Someone has said that life in Germany in Luther's time was three things: "nasty, brutish, and short." How did Martin Luther deal with that? This is what he wrote when he explained the First Article of the Creed: "I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, cattle, and all I own, and all that I need to keep my body and life." Where was the evidence, where was the proof?

Friday, April 16 – Luke 18:1-17

2. In the parable of the persistent widow Jesus compares God to a crooked, unbelieving judge. It seems that he is insulting God, but he isn't. The point of comparison is the response of the judge. What is Jesus teaching?
3. In verses 6-8, Jesus makes clear what he is encouraging his disciples to pray for. What is it?

Saturday, April 17 – Luke 18:18-43

4. What commentary does Jesus offer on mankind's ability to love God more than money?

Sunday, April 18 – Luke 19:1-27

4. Through this parable, what was Jesus teaching us about his gifts to us?

Monday, April 19 – Luke 19:28-48

5. If you had been a disciple, how would you have reconciled Jesus' humility with the fact that he was accepting the praises of those who were extolling him as the Son of David?

6. When Jesus clears the temple on Monday of Holy Week it was the only outward show of power that entire week. Why do you think Jesus showed power and righteous anger in the temple but nowhere else?

Tuesday, April 20 – Luke 20:1-26

7. Read 20:18. Why is it important to be broken to pieces by the law daily?
8. The Pharisees and Sadducees represent two groups that are always around. Who are modern-day Pharisees? Who are modern-day Sadducees?

Wednesday, April 21 – Luke 20:27-47

9. Verse 27 "*Sadducees*"—This is the first time Luke refers to this group by name. They were closely associated with the political elite. The high priests belonged to this group.