

Encountering Christ in the Gospel of Luke

March 2-9 - Week 10, Luke 7-12

- (Luke 7:18-28) How does it make you feel to know that Jesus' own cousin, John the Baptist, began to have doubts whether or not Jesus was the Messiah?" Where did John the Baptist turn in the midst of his doubts?

Has reading the Gospels caused any questions or doubts about Jesus for you? If so, where will you turn for answers?

- (Luke 7:36-50) All four Gospel accounts tell the story of this woman anointing Jesus' feet but only Luke's account doesn't place it towards the last week before Jesus' crucifixion. Does it matter that the timelines of the various Gospels differ?
- (Luke 9:1-6,10:1-23) Why do you think Jesus' sent His disciples and later 72 others out to preach the Kingdom of God with virtually no extra food, supplies, clothes, etc?
- (Luke 10:25-37) Based on the Parable of the Good Samaritan, how would you answer the question, "Who is my neighbor?"
- (Luke 11:1-14) What is the value of a communal prayer like "The Lord's Prayer?"

What is the value of creating individual, spontaneous prayers like the ones described after the teaching of the Lord's Prayer?

- (Luke 12:22-32) As we live in this Age of Anxiety, do you find Jesus' teachings on worry helpful? Encouraging? Unrealistic?

What does Jesus teach us to do in the midst of such a troubling world?

- (Luke 12:49-53) In what ways does Jesus' life and teachings cause division?

In what ways does Jesus life and teachings cause unity?