

Encountering Christ in the Gospel of Luke

March 16-23 - Week 12, Luke 19-24

One of the titles given to Jesus is “rabbi” or teacher. When considering the Gospel accounts, name three teaching tools or methods that Jesus regularly utilized in order to relay information to His listeners?

Jesus’ teachings often seem harsh while His personal interactions are loving and compassionate. Can you think of a teacher, coach, family member or friend who also exhibits these similar qualities?

How have these people impacted your life?

(Luke 19:28-44) Throngs of people shouted to Jesus, “*Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!*” How were these people correct in who they believed Jesus to be?

Based upon what we now know, how was the crowd’s perception of Jesus inaccurate?

When considering the common perception of Jesus today, where might we be correct and where might we be mischaracterizing who Jesus is?

(Luke 19-24) What do these specific chapters which deal with characters like Zacchaeus, Caesar, the “poor widow”, Judas and Joseph of Arimathea teach us about money, wealth, taxes, and sacrificial giving?

(Luke 22:7-23-38) From your perspective what purpose does Communion have for Christians?

What does receiving the sacrament of holy communion mean to you?

How would you feel if Slackwood decided to not celebrate communion on April 5th due to the Coronavirus outbreak?

(Luke 22:39-45) As seen here, Jesus utilized the spiritual disciplines of prayer and solitude throughout His life. Given our country's call for "social distancing" and the disruption of our daily routines, how do you see yourself utilizing prayer and solitude in your life?

We've now read three different Gospel accounts of Jesus arrest, trial, crucifixion, and resurrection. When you compare and contrast these three different accounts, what do you notice?

What is different? What is similar?

Do you have favorite/least favorite Gospel account?

How do these similar but different accounts impact your understanding of what happened to Jesus?

How has your "Encounter with Christ" in these first three Gospels informed your understanding of Jesus?

Does your understanding of Jesus Christ impact how you are responding to this current coronavirus crisis?
How so?