



LUKE'S PORTRAIT:

Jesus is the Lord we've been hoping for.

☞ **Luke 24:21**

1. Who is Jesus?

☞ *Luke 1-4*

- ◆ Luke seems less willing to proclaim Jesus' divine nature than Matthew or John.

- ◆ But a careful reading shows how carefully he reveals who Jesus is. He is Lord.

2. We thought Jesus would make a difference.

☞ *Luke 24:21*

- ◆ We thought he would rescue us. Many people throughout history have felt this way.

- ◆ Luke shows us where we've misunderstood Jesus. He does rescue — especially the poor, marginalized and the outcast.

3. Jesus is the Lord who rescues.

☞ *Luke 24:25-31, 44-48; 1:68*

- ◆ He does make a difference.

- ◆ He is Lord → "kurios."

4. What kind of Lord?

- ◆ The Lord who rescues. ☞ *Luke 1:68*
- ◆ The Lord for the poor. ☞ *Luke 4:18-19*
- ◆ The Lord who opens our eyes. ☞ *Luke 24:30-31, 45*
- ◆ The Lord over all other lords in your life ☞ *Luke 1:46-56*



reflection questions

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WARMING UP:

1. When was there a time when you thought you knew someone, only to find out that you were wrong? Explain.
2. When was there a time when you felt let down by God? How did it get resolved?

LEARNING AND DISCUSSING:

3. Read Luke 1:1-4. What is Luke's motive for writing? What do we learn about the "gospel" in these opening remarks? Be thorough in each verse.
4. One of the "truths" Luke seems intent to convey is that Jesus is Lord. He uses this word 96x's. Read Luke 2:8-12. How does the angel describe Jesus? What are the implications of these titles?
5. This announcement about Jesus was very similar to the announcement used about Caesar. How would the powers of the day receive that kind of announcement?
6. Read Luke 3:4-6. This is a quotation from Isaiah 40:3-5, used to describe Yahweh/God. Now Luke is applying it to Jesus. What do these verses say about how people can have access to God, now that Jesus has arrived? How should the Church learn from these verses?

MAKING IT REAL:

7. If Jesus is Lord, that means he is your Lord too. What are the implications for you then?
8. What other powers or Lords are there in your life that are competing for your allegiance? What changes might you need to make to set Jesus above them?

Give it a try! **choose one of the following**

1. Read through Luke's gospel this week, a little each day. Take note of what stands out to you. Write down questions that arise. Try to research the answers.
2. Learn more about an overview of Luke here.
→ <https://thebibleproject.com/explore/luke>



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