

message

Lord of the Cast Off

CROSSROADS, THE GOSPEL OF LUKE PART 4 | LUKE 21:1-4; 7:36-50

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"Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?" (Luke 7:42)

Measuring the Insignificant (Luke 21:1-4)

Giving much out of wealth

Giving more out of poverty

Welcoming the Undeserving (Luke 7:36-50)

Simon and the places of honor

The sinful woman and the Guest of honor

A parable of forgiveness

The contrast of ways

A contrast of ends

Responding to the Acceptance of the Lord

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study guide

1. When have you encountered someone who felt totally on the outside of society or a social group? What was their life like? Have you ever felt like that?
2. We continue our "Crossroads" series by examining two stories in Luke. Begin your study in prayer. Ask the Lord to speak to you from His Word.
3. Read Luke 21:1-4 aloud. In this text Jesus instructs His disciples while they observe people giving their offerings in the Temple courts. This was often a public event with offerings announced aloud. What is the situation that Jesus highlights for His disciples (21:1-2)?
4. Since the poor widow's gift (two lepta) was literally 1/100th of a day's wages, what do you think Jesus means in 21:3-4?
5. What does this tell us about Jesus' value system in contrast to that of the world?
6. For the second story, we turn to an earlier moment in Luke's Gospel, 7:36-50. Read that passage aloud. Summarize the situation here: what is the setting, the characters, the tension, etc.?
7. This is likely a public, celebratory meal where outsiders were welcome to come and sit along the edge of the room while honored guests reclined together in the center. What about this woman causes such a stir (7:37-39)?
8. What is the point of Jesus' parable in 7:41-42?
9. How does Jesus tie together the parable with the dinner hosted by Simon the Pharisee? What is the situation of the woman and Simon superficially and how does that differ from their real situation?
10. Identify one way that God is speaking to you personally through this study. If you're on your own, write it down and share it with someone later. If you are with a small group, share it with one another to end your group time.

reading plan

To encourage us together in our growth with God, we arranged a daily reading plan through this series. As you read each day, ask God to speak to you from His word.

Sunday, April 2	Mark 12:41-44
Monday, April 3	Luke 7:36-50
Tuesday, April 4	John 4:4-26
Wednesday, April 5	Mark 5:1-20
Thursday, April 6	Luke 17:11-19
Friday, April 7	John 8:1-11
Saturday, April 8	Luke 12:54-59; Matthew 16:2-4