



## **Study 1: Meeting the Baby**

### **Read Luke 2:1-20**

1. Who meets Jesus?
2. Why do they look for him?
3. What have they been told about him? What kind of news is this?
4. Read Micah 5:1-5. How do these verses help us better understand the angel's announcement?
5. Having met Jesus, what two things do the shepherds do?

### **Read Luke 2:21-40**

6. Who meets Jesus? What are we told about these people?
7. Where do these meetings take place?

8. What does Simeon say about Jesus?

9. Read Isaiah 49:5-6 & Isaiah 52:7-10. How do these verses help us better understand Simeon's words?

10. How do you think Joseph and Mary felt?

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6. Elijah (1 Kings 17) and Elisha (2 Kings 5) were both prophets to Israel when the nation had turned away from God. Jesus compares himself to Elijah (v.25,26) and Elisha (v.27). What is he implying about the Jews in Nazareth? Why do they become furious?
  
7. In Capernaum Jesus rebukes and silences the evil spirits. Why?
  
8. How do the crowds in Capernaum respond to Jesus?
  
9. Why doesn't Jesus remain with them longer?

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### **Study 3: Meeting the Master**

#### **Read Luke 5:1-11**

1. Where is Jesus and what is he doing?
2. What does Jesus need from Simon?
3. What has Simon been doing all night? How do you think he was feeling?
4. After he's finished teaching, what does Jesus tell Simon to do?
5. How does Simon respond? What do you think he's feeling?
6. What does Jesus do for Simon?
7. What does the huge catch of fish show Simon about Jesus?
8. How does Simon respond? Why is this an appropriate response? (Compare Isaiah 6:1-5.)

9. How do the fishermen respond to Jesus' call?

**Read Luke 5:27-32**

10. Where is Levi when Jesus calls him?

11. How does he respond?

12. What does Levi do next? Why do you think he does this?

13. Why do the Pharisees grumble?

14. How does Jesus' reply challenge their thinking?

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## **Study 4: Meeting the Forgiver of Sins**

### **Read Luke 5:17-26**

1. Where is Jesus and what is he doing?
2. Who comes to him and what do they want?
3. How would the man and his friends be feeling when the mat settles at Jesus' feet?
4. What is it about the man Jesus responds to?
5. What does Jesus say? Why is this so shocking?
6. Read Isaiah 43:25. How does this help us understand the Pharisees reaction?
7. Why does Jesus heal the man?
8. What is the response of the crowd? What had they seen that so amazed them?

### **Read Luke 7:36-50**

9. Where is Jesus and what is he doing?
10. Who comes to him and what does she want?

11. What's the mood around the dinner table?

12. How has Simon (the host) treated Jesus?

13. How does Simon treat the woman? Why?

14. How does the woman treat Jesus? Why?

15. What does Jesus' story teach about how he sees them both?

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*Are you ever like Simon? Are you ever like the woman?*

## **Study 5: Meeting the One with Authority**

### **Read Luke 7:1-10**

1. Where is Jesus and what has he been doing?
2. Who comes to him and what do they want?
3. How do the Jewish elders describe the Roman Centurion?
4. How does he describe himself?
5. What does the Centurion recognize in Jesus?
6. What does Jesus recognize in the Centurion?
7. Why does Jesus heal the servant?

### **Read Luke 7:11-17**

8. Where is Jesus and who is with him?
9. Who does Jesus meet? What makes the situation so desperate?

10. How does Jesus feel about situation he finds?

11. What does Jesus do?

12. How do the crowds respond?

13. Read Isaiah 61:1-3, 1 Kings 17:7-24 and 2 Kings 4:8-37. How do these passages help us understand the words of the crowd?

14. Why does Jesus raise the young man?

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*When we ask Jesus for help, what is our attitude? Do we list off reasons why we think we deserve it? How often do we acknowledge our unworthiness and helplessness? How can we learn to simply entrust our concerns to the one with compassion and authority?*

## **Study 6: Meeting the Son of the Most High God**

### **Read Luke 8:22-25**

1. Where is Jesus and what is he doing?
2. Who is with him?
3. How do the disciples feel in the storm?
4. What do the disciples do and say?
5. How does Jesus respond?
6. What had he expected of the disciples?
7. Read Psalm 104:1-7. How do these verses answer the disciples' question?  
Does it explain their fear?

### **Read Luke 8:26-39**

8. Where is Jesus?
9. Who meets him? What are we told about this man?

10. What do the demons know about Jesus? What is their attitude before him?

11. What does Jesus do for the man?

12. How do the herdsmen and townspeople respond?

13. Where had the demons sent the man? Where does Jesus send him?

*In both of these encounters, what is the result when the Son of the Most High God exercises his power?*

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## **Study 7: Meeting the Giver of Life**

### **Read Luke 8:40-48**

1. Where is Jesus and who is with him?
2. Who comes to Jesus and what do they want?
3. What is the woman's need?
4. Read Leviticus 15:25-27. How do these verses help us understand the woman's situation?
5. How does she approach Jesus? Why does she want to hide?
6. Why do you think Jesus insists on speaking to her?
7. What assurance does she receive?

### **Read Luke 8:49-56**

8. Describe Jairus' approach to Jesus in verse 41.
9. How would he feel when the message comes in verse 49?

10. What does Jesus promise him?

11. What does Jairus have to do? Who has just demonstrated this kind of faith?

12. How does Jesus deal with the girl and her parents?

13. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. What do these verses teach us about death as sleep?

14. Why do you think Jesus doesn't want any publicity this time?

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## **Study 8: Meeting the Risen Christ**

### **Read Luke 24:13-35**

1. When and where does this encounter take place?
2. What had the two disciples seen and heard that weekend?
3. Describe their mood as they walk to Emmaus.
4. What had they hoped about Jesus?
5. Why does Jesus rebuke them?
6. What does Jesus explain to them?
7. How do they recognize Jesus?

8. Why do you think they were kept from recognizing him until then?
  
9. What do they do? Describe their mood on their way back to Jerusalem.
  
10. How would you begin to interpret the Old Testament scriptures concerning Jesus?

*(The following verses might help: Genesis 3:15, 12:3, 22:18; 2 Samuel 7:12-16; Isaiah 7:14, 9:6, 50:6-9, 52:13-53:12, 61:1; Jeremiah 23:5-6; Daniel 7:13, 14; Micah 5:2, Zechariah 9:9, 12:10. Think too about the Tabernacle, the Jewish festivals and the roles of Prophet, Priest, Judge and King...)*

**What is Luke telling us about Jesus?**

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**Share with your group how you have been changed by your encounters with Jesus throughout this study series.**