

The Gospel of Luke In Jerusalem

Interpreting the Text:

1. Does the treatment of Jesus' teaching about the last things affect Luke's portrait of him as a "prophet"?
2. Are the differences in the accounts of the Last Supper among the Synoptic Gospel significant? How is Luke's account of the entry into Jerusalem and the Last Supper unique?
3. Have you noticed other distinctive Lukan touches in accounts of the last days of Jesus in Jerusalem? What is Luke's primary objective in the way he frames the life of Jesus?

Applying the Text:

1. Luke talks again about money in these chapters, reflecting on the right use of our resources. How do you use Jesus' teaching about money in Luke to determine how you use your resources? Are there parts of these teachings that are especially challenging?
2. Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on a donkey emphasizes his humility as a ruler. How do you think about power and humility in your community? In what ways does your leadership style model Jesus'?
3. Food serves an important role in Jesus' ministry and the fulfilling of prophecy in Luke's gospel. Why is breaking bread together so important? How have you used the sharing of food in your life and ministry?