Luke - Commentaries by John B. Currie

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Children—J. Currie

It'll blow up her. Suppose we couldn't find a little friend for Bethany. It's all by yourself up here. You'd like to go over and see if you can find a seat over there. Perhaps she'll have some companions before. Good. Hello, everybody is over here. Oh, here comes some ladies. My. Well, good morning. To the boys and to the girls, and to the big boys and the big girls. Nice, we can all be together first thing in the morning. Maybe somebody would like to. Have a choice of these hymns? On this little paper. You have a big voice. I don't hear very good. 4646. Well, this is a nice little. Can I use this one? Glad TIDINGS. IBRING the Jesus has come to. Why did he come? See these hymns tell us all this good news. Seeing these hymns, I won't have to talk. To SAVE me. So he came to save me. Not good. Aren't you glad you came to save me, Jim? What about you? Well, and we have a line here. And it has DI RL. Do you have any girls here? No girls. I was going to have the girls sing this line. And then the other line has Bois. The boys here. Are they going to sing this line with boys in it? We don't have any girls. Well, I think girls are going to sing it. Perhaps somebody will help us with this. And the girls are going to sing Aw. And he calls and he calls all the girls. And the boys were going to sing. And he wants all the Bo IS2. So who would like to start the Hingling? And give once all the answer. To give you the rest here and him right now all. There's been no wash away. Try it again. See if these girls can't do a little better.

Yeah. What does this little song tell us that he wants us to have? They want us to have. If we trust in him, trust in who? US. What do you understand? We sing all these words. What did they tell us? You know that's what words are. They are. They are things that carry a message to you. What they want us to have. All these people. All these people sung this hymn. Oh, where are you down here? Yes, that'd be wonderful and have all my sins washed away. I had so many I couldn't even count them. And there was a big boy. I was a man, and I didn't have my sins washed away. And one day. I felt the weight of all these sins and I thought I could work my way to heaven. That I had to learn. That a Sinner couldn't work his way to heaven. You know a Sinner couldn't work his way to heaven. Couldn't he just can't take his sins to heaven. So I need to have my sins all washed away. And there was a man. He lived a long, long time ago. And this man, he was the king. Ever meet the king because you don't have a king in this country? Well, a king is pretty important, man. And I was over in England during the Second World War, then one day. The king was going to come by. King George. And we were all lined up along the road. Of course we are all standing there. And attention. We're carrying our rifles. And the king comes by, and he just drives slowly by. But we had to present arms. Because he was the king. Now this man was the king, and he did some naughty things. You think the king would do naughty things? This king did naughty things. And it was very, very unhappy. These tiny things that he did, they were terrible. And so this king. He came into the presence of God and he said, I've sinned against heaven and against thee. And so he committed these sins. What's he going to do? And he had a prayer. And in this prayer. And you could pray this prayer too. If you have sins, you can have this prayer. This king said, wash me. And I shall be whiter than snow. Ever seen anything as way to snow? Anything whiter than snow. I'm whiter than snow. In God's eyes it doesn't see my sins. So washed away he died in the cross. He shed his blood. And we sing, you know. What can wash away my sins? Nothing but the blood of Jesus. Well, perhaps. We'd like to sing another hymn. Well, we got the boys, but we haven't had any girls yet. Well, here's the girl over here.

Hymn #6. God in mercy sent his Son. That was wonderful, wasn't it? We didn't deserve to have God send his Son, did we? Oh. To him must fall the glory of the grace Pure shining here, frustrating your Spanish. And Earth. Cromwell. Rain every time last Willow drink, must cry, and Lord of all. Have gone. Great. Shining him straight here straight. This hymn tells us something very important because it talks about God and it says God is light. And there's no place to hide. You know, and I, I'm glad of that. I'm really happy that God is late and I can't hide anything from him. Are you happy that God is light? But it would be terrible. If the rest of the story wasn't true, that God is long. And you know, we have him here and I don't know somebody.

I was thinking about. This truth and he wrote these words down. It says Jesus loves me. And Jesus loves me. Do you ever write something down about Jesus? Well, there's the girls who can do that. You can arrange them to get a little paper and write down. What do you think about Jesus He? That's what happened here. Jesus loves me, and I suppose that's the most. Sung hymn perhaps that we know Jesus loves me. And then said where the Bible tells me something. So he took a piece of paper, whoever it was, and he wrote that down. Why don't you take a piece of paper? And right now, what you think about Jesus? Do you have a good idea you could write something down about Jesus? Try it. Jesus loves me. We have a hem sheet we use for the children. And that is the first him on the sheet. That's number one. And we have these meetings and. Five meetings a week for four weeks. And. Him we sing nearly every day is given out by the boys and girls. Jesus loves me. That's the most wonderful thing that Jesus loves me. Me. So we're going to pray. Our God and. You know, the hymns are really something. And the people that wrote those hymns. Very often they had serious problems in their lives. I was over in England there and there was this terrible storm this man was in. This very deep ravine with all rocks, this storm came out and they tell me that this man cut into this little cleft in the rocks. And he wrote to him. He wrote words down. And it was Rock of Ages. Cleft for me. Rock of Ages. We can see, and the psalmist said the Lord is my rock. He's my strong fortress. See, we can talk that way. He's my rock. Rock of Aegis Cleft for me. Let me hide myself in thee. And he got into the clap with that rock, and he was saved from the storm. How are we going to turn to the book of Luke? In God's word. Luke's Gospel. Must be breathing too heavier. Luke's Gospel, Chapter 2. And this. In verse 2421 rather. Luke's Gospel chapter 2 and verse 21. And when 8 days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called Jesus. So there was this child that was born. He was a son given, but his name was Jesus and he was here in this world. And then verse 25 and behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. And the same man was just and devoured, waiting for the consolation of Israel. And the Holy Ghost was upon him, and it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost that he should not see death before he had seen.

The Lord Jesus. The Lord's Christ, and he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him, after the custom of the law. Then took him up in his arms and blessed God and sin. Lord. Now let us now, thy servant, depart in peace,

according to thy word for mine eyes. Have seen die salvation. You know, we have a real joy in having. A little baby in our arms. So here was this man, and he was waiting and waiting. And this baby was born. And they called his name Jesus. And this man took this baby up in his arms. And he blessed gone, and he said, I see thy salvation. And she said let me die. Because. He knew Jesus and he was glad he was going to die because he would go to heaven. So there are no empty seats in heaven, you know. Every seat's going to be filled. God's house is going to be full, but the question is. The question is. Do you know Jesus? Do you really know Jesus? He's a real person. He's my savior. And a little baby. I didn't know much about babies when I was growing up. Because. My parents died when I was seven years old. And so I lived with foster parents and I was the only fellow around. And after I was married, we had this baby girl. And. Went over to the hospital to see my baby girl. And, you know, so sweet she was. And then her mother let me hold her. And. You know, she only weighed 5 1/2 lbs and she had all these blankets. I could hardly. Hang on to her. I never had a baby in my arms and here I am, you know, trying to hang on to this baby. It was so cute. I can think of that man, Simon Simeon, rather, she held that little baby Jesus and he's a breast like this in his arms. And he said this is my salvation. But he didn't know what we know. He didn't know that that blessed person, when he grew up, would go to the cross and die on that cross. A terrible death for our sins. Well, he loved that baby. Do you love Jesus? Jesus loves you. You know, there's a man that. He was a very bad man. He didn't like the people of God. He was going down the road one day and I was just determined. Who was going to destroy everyone that believed in Jesus when I put him in prison? God stopped him as he walked down the road, and he said to him. It's hard for thee to kick against the ****** you know. We have a conscience. That's our ******. Your conscience. You know, and you do something bad. That's what Adam and Eve got. In that garden, you know, and they took that tree, fruit of that tree of the knowledge of good and evil, God gave a conscience. And because they had that conscience, they went and hide behind a tree. And we're trying to hide behind a tree.

We just do that, you know, say hide and seek, hide some place. But they were trying to hide from gone. Are you trying to hide from God? Do you ever think about God? Everything about seeing Jesus. Serious, isn't it? God is light. God is light and in him is no darkness at all, so they couldn't hide behind a tree. I'd be a poor place to hide. Well there was number other place to hide. And they had a conscience. And even if they wanted to do good, they couldn't do good because they had a bad heart. But this baby that Simeon held in his arms was perfect, impossible for him to sin. For he loved us, He loved us. Jesus loves me and this man. He was so angry. He got saved. They got sad. Do you get saved? And he wanted to please the Lord and everything he did. And he said about the Lord Jesus, he said, the Son of God who loved. Me and gave himself for me. Who is he talking about? The Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me. Who is he talking about? How many Mees are here? Everybody's so quiet. I have to get this little here to talk up. He got a big voice. You don't know any me's here one. Yeah, I know one too. What about you, Jim? You know one? Anybody else here that knows 11 me? Jesus loves me, yes. We say, well, he loves everybody here. That's fine, that's good, but that won't give me to heaven. Don't get me to heaven. I have to realize that Jesus died for me. Meet me. I'm just going to read another verse. And my time spent this verse is in Matthew. Now this is a question. We had some questions. Last night. And this is in Matthew's Gospel. As chapter 27. Then you can put a marker in your Bible. So you can find this and you should find this in your Bible and you look at it. Because God is asking. Perhaps a question here? And a man is asking the question. We know he was a ruler. And he spoke about. In this verse 22 Matthew 2722. And I let his name was. I was a ruler. Said unto all these people. And this is the question for all of these people here, everybody. What shall I do then? With Jesus. You've heard about Jesus. Many times, boys and girls. And you just keep that place and you think about this question because these people answered this question. And you have to answer this question, What am I going to do with Jesus? Which is called Christ. Maybe I need to ask this question every day. When I get up in the morning, what am I going to do with Jesus? Today I'm going to give him a part in my life. Well, they said. Unto him let him be crucified, but he'd never done anything wrong. It was perfect.

He loved people, he helped people. And they said let him be crucified. That's what they thought of Jesus. What do you think about Jesus? Dear Lana. Is it important? What do you think about Jesus? He's the most important person. He's the Son of God, and if you let him in, you'll be in a place of singing and praise. But if you don't, let him in your heart. Hey, listen. What will happen? You'll be in a place where there's no singing. We'll come in here and hear the piano playing the piano. We'll hear people singing. We'll rejoice. They're happy they're singing. But if you don't have Jesus. You won't be in a place where they're singing, but you will be in another place. Because if you die in your sins. Well, it's going to take place there. Anyone know? Cried. Hell, that's the plan. What's it like there? What the Bible tell us. Anyone want to tell me what the Bible tells us? Like a fire with a will be screaming and gnashing of teeth. Yeah, it'll be weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth in darkness. No light. The blackness, the darkness of everything. You want to go there? Do we all go there unless you have Jesus? So let us pray.

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I ask you to turn to Luke's gospel once again, the Gospel of Luke and chapter 15. Perhaps this chapter is one of those portions in the Word of God that really is so well known and so often used in the gospel. And perhaps it's outstanding in the light of the Gospel. But what I would like to consider. For a few moments. Is what takes place. In the father's heart, when the son returns. They often think of the sun, and we know that when he was away and he was enjoying all that the Father had provided for him of that inheritance, he was finding pleasure in the things perhaps he was doing, and only when it was all spent and gone did he have any desire to think of the Father. But I believe that we can see that the Father. Heart was so overcome that the loss of his son, that he was so overcome by such a loss, that to have him back was such a great toy to the father. That's what I'd like to focus on is the joy of the father. And we trusted everyone has come back. As the prodigal came back in repentance, but as he came, we know that every provision. Was the provision of the father. But there was one thing. That had to come from the sun and that was that. He would appreciate, he would accept and he would enjoy what the father had for him. And I'm afraid sometimes we miss this in the reading of the Word of God. Oh, you missed this side of things. That God is looking for that, that will give him joy. And that is a response that perhaps could come from each of us here just to look at this very simply. John, That's Luke's Gospel, chapter 15. And we'll read from verse 22. But the father said to his servants, bring forth the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet, and I'm sure it gave the father's. Heart, real joy and pleasure in providing these things for this returning boy. And these were the provisions that the father had for the son. The part I want to look at has to do. More with what follows. And bring hit her the fatted calf and kill it. And let us eat and be merry. Let us eat and be merry. Wasn't a feast just for the sun, but it was a feast for the Father and the Son together. And how sweet it is to our souls when we rise to the place, when we gather God's thoughts. From the Scriptures by the Spirit of God concerning His blessed and beloved Son. Perhaps it's in the night season when we wake up. Perhaps it's sometime when we're alone.

Perhaps it's sometime in the assembly. But I don't think that we'll have a greater joy in our life here. Nor will God our Father find greater joy in our life. And when we come as it is here to enjoy. In communion with God, that blessed, glorious person that we've had before us all, the Father made every provision that He might be accepted in the home. But I have to say to my own heart, and I say to each of us, it was necessary that the Son be willing to accept.

The feast that the Father was providing so that they could eat it together, so that they could share together. Perhaps it's not coming over very clearly, but I think if we meditate a little, we'll see that the grave joy in this home at this time. Was this feast that they had together? The father and the returning son. And we could say I believe that the fatted calf. Speaks to us of the Lord Jesus. And you think that God, who finds its great delight in his beloved Son, who wants to share? With each of us the redeemed His joy that He has in His beloved Son. And this is really heaven on earth in this home. I believe this is a foretaste. And so each time, whether we're by ourselves or whether with some other Christian or we're together in a meeting. This is so important because it gives him such joy to share. With his redeemed. What the Lord Jesus is to him to have fellowship. Now I'd like to turn to the scriptures I read at the breaking of bread in the 22nd chapter. And again they seem lost. Sweet occasion. We have in Luke 22 is that night before the Lord Jesus went to the cross. What a very important time it was. Because the great work of Calvary was before him to bring glory to God. Up here again. And these are such human experiences, it seems, such real experiences as we drawn aside here. Think of it this very night he had directed his disciples to go to a certain place. To an upper room, a place separated, but a place of his choosing. And there in that upper room. He was going to communicate to them. Many things which we have in John's Gospel from chapter 13. Through 17 and that beautiful prayer in the 17th of John that was all going to be part of that upper room that night. But what I want to speak about? Is that there were those? And there were very few. Of all that the Lord Jesus had come in contact, all that he had healed, all the blessing that had flowed forth in that blessed man, Christ Jesus. And here are but eleven people. Perhaps in that upper room. What a very small company. But they were going to give joy to the Lord Jesus. And so it is before us. Us in verse 13 and day when. They had to decide that they would go. Like the prodigal, he returned and here they go, directed by the Lord Jesus. And found they weren't disappointed, as we often hear. And He as he had said unto them. And they may dreary the Passover when the hour was come. The hour was come. He sat down. And the 12 apostles with him. And he said unto them, He has a message. And He has the message for each of us when we come together, when we come to the place, and there we take our place at that table. And there is the precious Savior and these wonderful words that have rung out in the hearts of the redeemed over the years.

The first time I heard a brother take up this verse, it was a good many years ago. I couldn't believe that there could be such a message. As was given by the Lord Jesus. Such a message. Think of it, the Lord of glory desiring the company. Of. A few. There was Peter. He denied that he knew the Lord. Eats one of them that very night forsook him in fled. And yet, as we come back to this place. We find these beautiful words with desire. I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. With desire I have desired. That was what was in his heart. That's what was in the heart of the one who was going to the cross to redeem them. This is the heart of Jesus. This is the heart of my savior. This is the language. Of one who has made himself real and dear to each believer, because he's precious to the believer and these precious words. Reaching out to us Even to this day in 1987, these same blessed words are reaching out to each heart here in this room. And as we give him joy in response. You think of Ruth who said I will go, I will go. How important for those disciples to have been there to hear these words. Do we hear them this morning? Did they feel our heart this morning with desire I have desired or greatly desired? I suppose language can't express what was in his heart. But it was there, and he reaches out with those words and he shows them what he would have them to do. A very. Feeble response, perhaps from them, but oh, the heart of Jesus, the love of Jesus, the love of this one for their company. He wanted their company and he wants our company. And so he places that loaf in that cup, and he gives thanks. And he eat of it, and he says, this dear, in remembrance of me, Is it beyond us? We still have the privilege, thank God. Will you still hear his voice saying, but desire I have desired. To eat this Passover with you before I suffer. And I believe we've lost a great deal. If we haven't heard those words each time we come to that remembrance feast, and perhaps he has lost a great deal if we haven't heard because it's his desire that is spoken about here that is expressed. I just want to turn to John 14, John 14. Verse 3. These are some of the words they heard in that upper room. That night. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself that where I am. There you may be also that where I am. We long to go. We long for the coming of the Lord Jesus. We know he has a purpose in waiting. And that is, he set out to do something. And he must finish that work before he can come. He told his disciples, he told Peter and others, I will build my church in the gates of hell, shall not prevail against it. So we know he won't come until that work is finished, that church is complete, that last stone is put in the building. But can we say that as soon as at last stone?

Has put in that building. He will hasten to fulfill the desire in his heart by taking us up there, that we might be with Him. Can we think of it? His home, the Father's house, His people, the great joy you have in receiving us into the Father's house? We've experienced the welcome. When we came to the Father, we experienced the welcome. In coming into the Lords presence in the Remembrance feast. But when we experience this welcome, when we see the joy in his expression. In his face as he looks upon. That which gives him joy. That redeemed company, O beloved, He paid an infinite price to have your bride. It hurts and when he takes that bride to himself, that where I am. There you may be also where I am. He wants us there, He would have us there, His longing to have us there. Are we anxious to see him? Is that the Great Expectations we have? Or are we disappointing him? Are we getting a little too occupied to spend much time with the father? Are we getting too occupied to come into the presence of the Lord Jesus to answer to His desire? Are we getting a little too occupied that we don't have much thought? Of the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. These are just questions we might ask ourselves. I'd just like to turn finally to Revelation. Chapter 21. Revelation chapter 21. And I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the 1St heaven and the first earth were passed away, and there was no more sea than I. John saw the holy City, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold. Behold. The Tabernacle of God is with men. I used to hear quite often a brother say that Jesus Christ had become a man. And would remain a man for all eternity that he might have us. As his companions there God tabernacling with men. Is this what God had before him in that past eternity? Is that what God has before him now? Is that what is before him when he has? Those redeemed ones, those who are there where everything is suited to God and He is dwelling with man. He housed the company that he longed to have. But you know, this is the eternal day. This is the day of God. This is when everything suited to God. This is when everything is in perfect harmony with God and God's heart desire is fulfilled in a tabernacles with men. I don't grasp it. I try to enjoy it. And I believe that's what God would have us to do to really. Absorb the reality that God is going to be pleased. Tabernacle having our company is going to give him the satisfaction and joy He's anticipated from a past eternity.

For the beautiful, glorious eternity, and He will dwell with them. And they shall be his people. And God himself shall be with him, and be their God. Eternity, eternity, God, All in all. And then? For those who have deep sorrows and trials in the journey. Here it is as we close in God. God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes. What a wonderful moment if you've passed through a trial, if you shed tears, if you felt the sorrows

of life. God. The wipe away all tears from their eyes. May we give Him joy. May He have the right place in our hearts. As our Father. And as our Savior. Our friend. As we walk through the hours that are left to us, how precious to know. That God is for us. That God is with us, that God loves us, that God cares for us. That Jesus died for us. That Jesus lives for us. He carries us on his shoulders. He carries us in his bosom, and that Jesus is coming for us. And that we are coming back with Him in His glory as we look on into the future. We're looking for the blessed hope. And the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ.

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