

What “temporary substitutes” most compete for my heart?
Where am I seeking satisfaction apart from God?

Ask God to deepen your hunger for Him and to teach you to find lasting satisfaction in Christ.

Day 4: Whose Approval Matters Most?

Read: Galatians 1:10

Faithfulness to Christ often creates tension with the world. The question is not whether everyone approves of us, but whether we are walking faithfully with Jesus.

How much does the approval of others shape my decisions?
Where am I tempted to compromise truth for acceptance?

Ask God to stir up your desire for His approval more than the applause of the world.

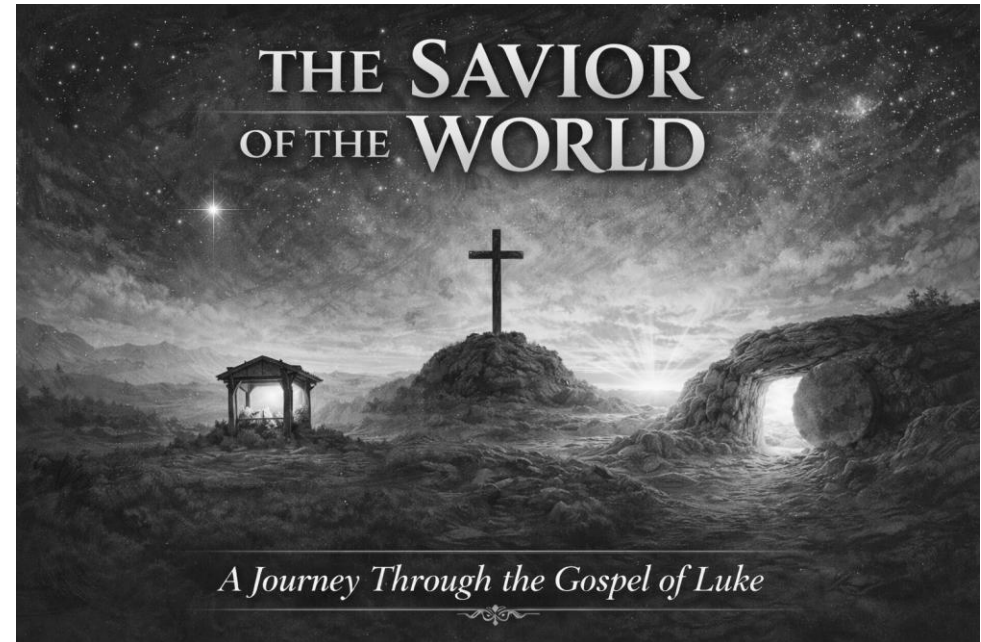
Day 5: The Great Reversal

Read: Philippians 2:5-11

Jesus Himself is the ultimate picture of the great reversal of the Kingdom. He was rejected, crucified, and forsaken—yet vindicated, exalted, and enthroned through His resurrection.

How does the cross reshape my understanding of suffering and success?
What does it mean for me to belong to Jesus now and forever?

Ask God to tether your life to His Kingdom, as well as direct your life to live with eternity in view.



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THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD:
The Life Jesus Makes Blessed
Luke 6:20-26

SERMON NOTES

Jesus Personally and Pointedly Addressed His Disciples

Jesus describes life lived under the gracious reign of God.

“The blessed life is the result of belonging to Jesus.”

Jesus does not merely redefine what people should value—He redefines what is ultimately real.

Jesus Contrasts Two Kingdoms, Two Operations, and Two Ends

Two Securities: security in God vs. security in earthly abundance

Two Satisfaction: eternal satisfaction vs. temporary substitutes

Two Joys: joy through redemption vs. joy through self

Two Reputations: approval from God vs. approval from the world

“Applause is not proof of faithfulness. Opposition is not proof of failure.”

Jesus Reveals the Difference the Day of the Lord Makes

Present appearances are not final realities.

The cross and resurrection reveal the great reversal of the Kingdom.

“The blessed life is not the life that appears full apart from God, but the life Jesus makes blessed in Himself—now and forever.”

The Ultimate Question

Do you belong to Jesus and His Kingdom?

Because where you stand in regard changes everything: now, at death, and forever.

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

Day 1: A Different Vision of the Blessed Life

Read: Luke 6:20-23

Jesus completely overturns the world’s understanding of blessing and blessedness. The blessed life is not ultimately defined by wealth, comfort, or approval, but by belonging to Christ as His Kingdom.

What picture of “the good life” most shapes my thinking?

How has the world influenced my understanding of blessing?

Ask God to teach you to see life through the lens of His Kingdom rather than through the values of this world.

Day 2: Where Is Your Security Anchored?

Read: Luke 6:17-19

Money, comfort, and success can quietly become functional saviors. Jesus warns us that earthly security cannot survive the Day of the Lord.

What do I instinctively trust when life feels uncertain?

What would it look like to rest more full in God’s care?

Ask God to free you from trusting in temporary comforts, and to teach you to rest more securely in Him.

Day 3: Hungry for More

Read: Psalm 63:1-8

All that we are, and especially our soul, was made for God. Temporary pleasures can distract us, but they can never ultimately satisfy us.